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Robert Frost was writing of the first color of new leaves, but there's another gold of early spring, maple syrup, the first cash crop for many northern New England farmers. Here Keith Hodson, second from left, demonstrates a hydrometer to Charles Parsons, during the Maple Sugar Sunday open house at Running Brook Farm in West Bethel. To Hodson's left Jeff Parsons explains the workings of the evaporator to Friederika Pepper and Anna Luise Radetzki, students from Germany who are staying with the Parsons while on an exchange with Gould Academy. (Photo by Andree Kehn)

'Nature's first green is gold'



Town Meeting season wraps up:

G'wood voters approve recall ordinance

By MICHAEL DANIELS

"It's hard," complained selectman Ivan Roberts, "to soar with eagles when you're ass deep in alligators."

The comment — Roberts did not identify the alleged alligators — concluded a lengthy presentation to voters at Greenwood's annual Town Meeting Saturday.

On the floor at the time was an article calling for the town to adopt an ordinance empowering voters to remove an elected official before the

end of the term he or she had been elected to fill.

The so-called "recall ordinance" was clearly aimed at Roberts, who was concluding his first year of a three-year term on the board.

In the eyes of some voters, his confrontational manner and various one-man campaigns since taking office had done the town more harm than good.

Loan for dam work also OK'd

Roberts, however, used the Town Meeting forum to defend his actions, and his approach to the office of selectman.

He said his close involvement in the salt/sand shed and Alder River dam projects had saved the town money.

And he said he felt it important for him to investigate any and all rumors he hears, and to let townspeople know what he finds.

He also argued that the passage of a recall ordinance would place all town selectmen under an unfair pressure to please everyone all the time, making difficult decisions impossible.

"Do you want that pressure on us?" he asked.

Former long-time Selectman Herb Dunham agreed on that point. "I want three people up there who are not

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Recycling, plow truck get the nod in W'stock

By ALISON ALOISIO

Voters at the Woodstock Town Meeting Monday elected a new selectman, bought a new plow truck and made a resolution that in 2004 they would try to lose weight from their solid waste.

About 75 voters turned out for the gathering, which started with a close two-way race for selectman.

Incumbent Percy Monk declined to run again, and Bruce Korhonen and Judy Bennett vied for the seat.

Bennett was the narrow victor, 35-31.

Running unopposed, school director Ron Deegan and library trustees Marta Clements and Valerie Billings were all re-elected to their positions.

Money articles OK'd

Residents were asked to contribute \$15,000 to the rebuilding of the Alder River Dam in Greenwood.

Greenwood will be responsible for \$125,000 of the cost. But

because a significant number of waterfront properties in Woodstock are on ponds held back by the dam, Greenwood asked for help with the funding.

Town Manager Vern Maxfield said 90 percent of the property on North Pond is in Woodstock. The article passed easily.

Also approved was the purchase of a new \$90,000, fully-equipped plow truck.

A total of \$245,000 — the

same amount as last year — was approved for the Town Road Accounts. Roads that will see work this year include Koskela, Cushman and Concord Pond.

Maxfield said a plan was in the works, and as a result

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Gilead tables privatization of its road work

By ALISON ALOISIO

Gilead has two new selectmen following a Town Meeting Saturday that brought out twice the usual number of voters.

Incumbent Joe Taylor lost — by one vote — to newcomer Paul Handlen. A secret ballot netted 27 for Handlen and 26 for Taylor. Two other candidates, Steve McLain and Bobby Corriveau, received 21

and nine votes, respectively.

Taylor had served 14 years on the board.

The vote for the other selectman's seat filled a vacancy created by the resignation of Jay Milot.

Mark Wigley was elected easily. He received 43 votes to 23 for McLain and 13 for Corriveau. Wigley will serve the remaining two years on the three-year term.

Road commissioner tabled

Voters tabled an article proposing to eliminate the position of road commissioner and contract out for road maintenance.

Milot said the town could save money by hiring a contractor. He praised road commissioner Fred Corriveau, saying it was not a question of the quality of his work but of cost to Gilead.

But because information presented was general, several voters said they wanted concrete figures on the cost comparisons before deciding.

Others wondered if it was wise to eliminate the position and off the town's road equipment, because residents might decide after a couple of years the privatized services weren't working.

Wigley made the motion to table until selectmen could gather more information. A secret ballot on the question produced a 62-22 vote in favor.

Townspeople approved the remaining articles on the warrant. A total of \$410,000 was appropriated by voters, compared to \$439,000 in 2003.

Administrative assistant Bev Corriveau said she

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Clammers slammed

Two Vinalhaven men were arrested and a third man taken to Central Maine Medical Center Monday morning, following what Greenwood Town Manager Carol Whitman called "a near riot" outside the town office.

The incident occurred in the pre-dawn hours, when a group of clam diggers from coastal Maine, who had camped overnight in the Town Office parking lot, found themselves in an angry confrontation with a larger group of local smelters.

The men in both groups were there to apply for one of the town's limited number of freshwater clam licenses.

Freshwater clams are considered a delicacy in the Orient, where they are valued for the reputed aphrodisiac powers.

The tiny mollusks are widely distributed in northern New England lakes, but in almost all cases their population density is too low to support commercial harvesting.

In Greenwood, however, recent breaches of the Alder River dam have resulted in prolonged periods of low water in the ponds above the dam — creating the ideal setting for a bivalve population explosion.

"We haven't had conditions like this in my lifetime," said resident Beano Brown. "And if the selectmen finally get the dam fixed, we'll never see the like again."

An avid member of the close-knit community of local smelters, Brown said this year he and his buddies planned to forego dipping for spring's savory silver salmonids — instead they would take clam licenses and get rich.

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at the
Woodstock Recreation Center located on Railroad Street.

Letters

TAXPAYERS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE

To the Editor:

Haley and I would again like to offer our deepest appreciation for the many calls we have received over the past week in response to our attempts to circulate a petition in order to hold a special Town Meeting so the taxpayers of Bethel could be allowed to determine the ultimate fate of my employment as the chief of police.

Unfortunately, we have found that even if we were successful in holding the special Town Meeting, the results would not be legally binding and the Board of Selectmen could still refuse to honor the results of any vote by the citizens of the town.

In order to overrule the selectmen's decision I would be required to file further litigation against the town, which is an action that I do not take lightly and on which I must weigh all options before deciding what my course of action will be. I do not feel that the taxpayers should continue to be held financially responsible for the actions of a select few within town government.

We have also found that it is well within the powers of the Board of Selectmen to voluntarily schedule a special Town Meeting and place the issue of my termination to the voters to ultimately decide on.

This request has previously been asked of them and the request refused. It seems odd that the selectmen do not want to place an issue as important as the police chief's position into the hands of the people who are the people most affected by the person who holds that position.

Could it be possible that some of the selectmen do not wish to know nor even care what the true feelings of their constituents are?

In closing, I do not know what the future will bring for Haley and me. I do know that if the position of police chief is no longer an option for me, I fully intend to make every effort to seek a position on the Bethel Board of Selectmen. I have proudly served the citizens of Bethel as a law enforcement officer for the past 15 years. I truly feel that I can offer the same level of service to you as your selectman.

Darren M. Tripp
Bethel

NOT THE TIME TO STAND DOWN

To the Editor:

We are disappointed and surprised that our town manager is in such a hurry to take down the yellow ribbons from Main Street.

Our son, PFC Joshua J. Hamel, is still risking his life daily in Baghdad, as are many other American men and women. The yellow ribbon is a symbol of support and a wish for the safe return of all of our troops.

Joshua will leave Iraq and return to Ft. Polk, La., on April 16. Two weeks later the second half of the 2nd ACR Comanche Troop will head back to Ft. Polk. Many troops are coming home but many are heading over to relieve them, such as Ernie Aguilera and others.

Shouldn't the yellow ribbons remain up as a reminder to us all that the battle for freedom continues? Shouldn't they stay up as a sign of support until all of Bethel's soldiers come home?

Our son is coming home on leave in May. It would be nice for him to see at least this small symbol of caring and support. The "war" may be out of sight and out of mind for many Americans, but when you have a loved one in the middle of it you can't forget it. You are constantly wondering and worrying.

We think it's time for Bethel to stand up and show support for our troops.

We want to thank the Boy Scouts for their support and for not forgetting our soldiers.

Keith and Marilyn Hamel
Bethel

SPECIAL OLYMPICS THANKS

To the Editor:

I am writing to say thank you to New Balance Corporation for their generous donation to Oxford County Special Olympics on March 10. Employees sold recipe books and chose to donate the proceeds to local Special Olympians. Over \$850 was raised. Oxford County is very appreciative of this gift and will use the money to purchase banners, pool rental (for area swim meet), and to set up a scholarship fund for area athletes who cannot attend Special Olympics events due to the cost.

Oxford County has over 100 athletes competing in area events from Denmark, Casco, Fryeburg, Rumford, Norway, South Paris, Harrison, West Paris and Oxford. Our county hosts four meets each year that lead up to state meets: November, Bowling Tournament (Oxford Hills Bowling Lanes, South Paris); January, Winter Training Day (Black Mountain, Rumford); April, Swim meet (UMF, Farmington); May, Summer Training Day (Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, South Paris).

Many volunteers are needed for all of our events. If you are interested in volunteering your time or resources in our area, please contact Cara Maloney, c/o OHCHS, 256 Main Street, South Paris, ME 04281 or 743-8914 v 7004. For state level donations, please contact Special Olympics of Maine, 125 John Roberts Road, Ste. 19, South Portland, ME 04106 at 879-0489.

Cara Maloney
Area Manager, Oxford County Special Olympics

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LET'S WORK WITHIN THE SYSTEM

To the Editor:

I feel compelled to add my thoughts to the ongoing controversy of the police chief dismissal, in particular the petition for a Town Meeting and vote. This seems to me to be completely contrary to what is appropriate and lawful for town meeting action.

The citizens of the town (via Town Meetings) act as the legislative body of the town and vote for elected officials, but this does not include hiring and firing of town employees or any other type of personnel decisions regarding a specific individual.

The selectmen serve as the town's final board of appeals on such matters. As citizens, we have the authority to vote selectmen in or out; the selectmen have the authority to hire or fire a town manager; the town manager has the authority to hire or fire town employees, with an established appeal process for the latter. Let's work within the system.

Walter Hatch

Bethel

ONE YEAR LATER

To the Editor:

Last Saturday I went back to New York City to join the protest against the war in Iraq. There weren't as many there this time as there were when we attacked Iraq. Last year when I went, I was very distressed that our government had started a war without justification. This year I just felt sad. I saw one lady there whose son had been killed in Iraq. How terribly tragic it must be to lose a loved one in a war that you think is wrong.

Actually the war has not been as horrible as I thought it would be when I went down to the City last year. I had thought that the Iraqis would offer a lot more resistance to the invasion than they did, resulting in much higher casualties. I underestimated them. I think they realized fighting pitched battles would be suicide so they just evaporated and waited to pick off the coalition forces over time. So far 569 of our troops have been killed, most after the announcement, "mission accomplished." It is estimated that 10,000 Iraqi civilians have been killed which is far less than were dying yearly as a result of the sanctions we had imposed; therefore, if we must be involved in killing this could be considered a change for the better.

We captured Saddam, but our troops are still being attacked. We took our focus off al Qaeda and now their terrorists are participating in the attacks. We have lost credibility with the rest of the world by justifying the war on the elimination of weapons of mass destruction. The Spanish people just voted out their government that supported us in the war. North Korea just announced that it won't give up its nuclear capability for fear that we will attack them. The conflict between Israel and the Palestinians has grown worse. The imposition of democracy in Iraq will require the long-term presence of our military and even then it is doubtful. Is the world better off, a year later?

Barry York
Burnt Hills, N.Y.

ARTISTS INVITED TO CO-OP SHOW

To the Editor:

The Western Maine Art Group is formulating plans for its second season as a cooperative art group showing at the Matolscy Art Center during June through September. Artists of two- and three-dimensional art are invited to apply to show their art during those months. Anyone interested, please call Joan at 998-4438.

Deb Lewis

Bethel

Tripp

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off that drive (see letter, this page).

He cited the legal uncertainties involved in attempting to overturn a town manager's decision by means of a direct citizens' vote, and the increased legal costs, to both himself and town taxpayers.

Tripp — who has a suit pending in federal court stemming from an earlier suspension by Cole — said he did not want to once again find himself in a situation where he might be

forced to sue the town.

"I don't want to sue the town of Bethel," he said. "In neither of these situations is it the town of Bethel's fault. It is the fault of a very small number of individuals, but all town taxpayers end up footing the bill."

Tripp said he would now concentrate his efforts on a run for one of the two seats that will be open on the Board of Selectmen at Town Meeting in June.

MS

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the disease.

Last year, Pam earned just over \$5,000 in pledges, while Chloe, 10, earned about \$1,200 — tops in the state in the 12 and under division.

This year, Pam had the idea to sweeten the pot by offering a spot in the raffle to anyone pledging \$50. Pam, he said, "jumped right on it."

They've been sending letters to everyone they know soliciting for the effort.

The goal is to raise \$10,000 in pledges under Pam's name. So far, they're at \$8,700. The drawing will take place right after the April 18 Biddeford/Saco walk, which is the one they will take part in this year.

Anyone wishing to pledge in multiples of \$50 will receive a corresponding number of raffle entries.

The house is on the beach, and can accommodate up to six people. It will go to the win-

ner for the week of June 12 through the 19.

Pam estimates the prize has a \$3,000 value. Ralph said that next year he hopes to offer a similar raffle for a ski house he owns in Bethel.

Research helped Amy

Amy, who is a teacher in Lewiston, is already seeing the benefits of MS research.

For the past year she has been participating in therapy with an experimental drug known as Antegren. There has been no deterioration in her condition over that time, which the family finds very encouraging.

Anyone wishing to pledge and buy in to the raffle may send a check made out to NMSS to Ralph at 120 West Bethel Rd., Bethel 04217.

The statewide walk effort has set a goal to raise more than \$500,000. Anyone wishing to register to participate at one of the sites may call (800) 273-4703.

Bethel will hold an MS Walk May 16.



YOUR SUMMER VACATION?—A week at this Kennebunkport home, located right on the beach, is the prize in a raffle that will benefit the MS Walk fundraiser. A pledge of \$50 to the effort earns one entry in the drawing, to be held April 18.

Letters to the Editor

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the Opinion Page of the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability.

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Our Back Pages

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10 years ago: It was reported that Sunday River Ski Resort had purchased about 7,000 acres of International Paper Company land in Riley Plantation.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike McKamey were closing their Poncho and Chico's restaurant on Lower Main Street, Bethel.

The SAD44 board of directors was discussing several possible changes in the administrative structure at the elementary schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keniston observed their 50th wedding anniversary as guests at a dinner party at Sudbury Inn.

A history of Greenwood from 1816 to 1960 was published by the Greenwood Historical Society.

Births: Taylor Swanson Kelly, Marshall Lowe Smith, Ryan Douglas Willard.

20 years ago: Norman K. Ferguson Jr. was a candidate for re-election as Oxford County Commissioner.

The Sunday River Ski Resort announced expansion/development plans requiring a total outlay of \$5 million. William Crooker of Andover was honored by friends on his 80th birthday.

Births: Robert Nelson Demings, Christopher Russell Hart, Braeadeen Sawyer Douglass.

Deaths: Mrs. Lena A. Cushman, Mrs. Martha R. Ray.

30 years ago: Telstar students Kim Klardie, Leilani Poland, Betsy Davis, Penny Savage and Debbie Buck were participants in the All-State Music Festival chorus at Orono.

Rosabelle M. Tiff was elected to a two-year term as president of New England Hospital Public Relations Association.

Eleven-year-old David Bell of Rumford was the winner in the Oxford County Finals of the Main Sunday Telegram Spelling Bee.

40 years ago: The SAD17 board of directors had taken formal possession of the fair grounds property, Norway-Paris. (Now the site of Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School.)

President Lyndon Johnson had named Miss Margaret Joy Tibbetts as ambassador to an as yet undisclosed country. Her most recent posting had been as first secretary of the political section of the American Embassy in Brussels, Belgium.

Pvt. Fred Q. Haines Jr. was undergoing basic training at Fort Dix, N.J.

Thirteen-year-old Neila Smith of Andover won the Union 24 spelling bee held at Andover High School gymnasium.

Birth: Stephanie Sur Abbott.

Death: Mrs. David M. Klein, Mrs. Thelma M. Brown.

50 years ago: Alonso Hariman Inc. was chosen as architects for planning and supervising the construction of a two-room addition at Crescent Park School.

Marine Pfc. Arthur L. Buckman was attending an automotive mechanics course at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The Oxford County Soil Conservation District had purchased a tree-planting machine capable of planting 1,200 seedlings an hour.

Married: Raymond York and Miss Evelyn Clark (4/5/54).

Briefly

Hearing on Branch bridge work

NEWRY — A public hearing on a Maine Department of Transportation plan to replace the Branch Brook Bridge on Route 26 will take place April 15 at 7 p.m., at the Newry Town Office. MDOT representatives will explain details of the proposed project, listen to comments and concerns and answer questions. The proposed improvements would replace the existing structure, which MDOT said is deficient by today's standards, and rebuild about 540 feet of approach roadway. The centerline of the new bridge would be shifted slightly upstream from the existing alignment. The new structure would provide two 11-foot-wide travel lanes with three-foot paved shoulders on each side.

THS to return to traditional math

BETHEL — After five years of teaching math by blending many different math skills in each course taught, SAD44 is proposing to return to a more traditional approach for most students. The recent Core Plus Program is not working well, principal Shawn Lambert told the School Board last week, and some Telstar graduates have been forced to take remedial math in college. The problem with the program, he said, is a combination of lack of professional development for teachers, community confusion and lack of acceptance of the program and a shortage of instructional time and resources. The shift to the traditional track of algebra 1, geometry and algebra 2 would include several steps: more instructional time (including the addition of a half-time math position); professional development for teachers; spring testing of students; emphasis on addressing gaps in instruction as the change is made; and a summer enrichment program.

"Twelve Dogs" goes to the city

PORLTAND — The cast and crew of the independent film "The Twelve Dogs of Christmas," which is being filmed primarily in Bethel, went to Portland early this week to shoot several scenes. They used Wharf Street, in the Old Port area, to simulate Pittsburgh, Pa. In the 1930s. The crew also shot a scene with an old train car at the Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad on Fore Street.

Supper, dance to benefit Tylers

GREENWOOD — A supper and dance to benefit Jeff and Calla Tyler will take place at the Locke Mills Legion Hall April 3. The Tylers lost their home to a fire in January. The supper begins at 5:30 p.m. and will include a variety of beans and casseroles, salads and pies. Dancing will follow, with music by the Richard Felt Band. The cost is \$6 for ages 12 and up and \$3 for under 12. Additional donations will be accepted. There will also be a 50/50 drawing and raffles.

Barth steps down from board

BETHEL — Selectman Al Barth has resigned from the town Board of Selectmen. Barth's three-year term, his second, was due to expire at Town Meeting in June, but he recently moved to Paris, and is thus ineligible to continue to serve on the Bethel board. Prior to becoming a selectmen, Barth served for eight years in the Maine House of Representatives. Upon his departure the remaining board members had the option of calling a special Town Meeting to fill out his term, but with June's annual Town Meeting approaching, said Chairman Dutch Dresser, "probably the board will choose to stay at four."

Number of loon plates declining

LEWISTON — The number of loon license plates issued in Maine has fallen nearly 30 percent in the past six years, creating budget concerns within state agencies that benefit from sales of the plates. People buying conservation license plates with a loon on them pay a \$15 annual renewal fee. Of that, \$8.40 goes to the Department of Conservation, and \$5.60 goes to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Loon plate sales reached 59,829 in their inaugural year in 1994 and steadily rose to 110,625 in 1998. In that peak year, the Department of Conservation received about \$926,000 from loon plate registrations for its Bureau of Parks and Lands. Fisheries and Wildlife received more than \$617,000 that year; the money must go to the department's Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund. But loon plate sales have decreased in recent years, with sales falling to 79,704 in 2002. As a result, annual funding to the Conservation Department has fallen more than \$255,000, while Fisheries and Wildlife is now getting about \$170,000 a year less than it did in 1998. State officials attribute the decline to sales of the University of Maine vanity plate and the new lobster license plate. Those plates were introduced in recent years and provide funding to the university's scholarship fund and for lobster research. Officials say an added factor was the change several years ago of the regular license plate from a small red lobster to a chickadee. There is no added charge for the regular plate. Recent budget cuts have IFW leaning heavily on loon plate sales. Another concern is the dwindling numbers of Mainers contributing to the state's endangered species fund. They contribute to the fund through a checkoff option on the state income tax form, and the number has fallen by more than half since the state moved the checkoff option from the primary tax form to a supplemental form in 1998. The number of contributors fell from 8,586 in 1987 to 4,065 in 1998. According to Fisheries and Wildlife statistics, 3,661 contributed to the fund in 2002, but donations have remained steady because the average donation has increased.

Bill would restrict 'cut and run'

AUGUSTA — A new bill to curtail liquidation harvesting, also known as "cut and run," practices in Maine forests is gaining ground in the Legislature. The House Friday gave the bill a second vote of approval before sending it to the Senate. The measure is an amended version of legislation introduced last year. Rep. Theodore Koffman's bill would prohibit for five years subdivisions of land which, according to state standards, have been over-harvested. The Bar Harbor Democrat, co-chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, said he offered the bill "to help break the cycle of liquidation logging, where valuable forest land is permanently taken out of production by being stripped, subdivided and resold." Koffman said the Maine Forest Service estimates 15,000 to 50,000 acres a year are lost in Maine to liquidation. "That means that every 10 years, an area larger than Baxter State Park is being removed from production," Koffman said. Liquidators have been able to outbid other forest landowners and conservation groups for whole townships because of the profits that can be gained through liquidation and resale, Koffman said. His bill directs municipal planning boards to administer the law, without facing any new costs or mandates. If liquidation harvesting is suspected, municipalities could seek advice from the Maine Forest Service. Land that's certified under an accredited forestry program and acreage harvested by certified master loggers is exempt from the proposed law.

From the Bethel Police Log:

Thursday, March 25

At 7:10 a.m. police responded to a report of a structure fire at a construction site on Sun Valley Drive. On arrival the officer learned the construction crew had put the fire out. One of the workers had burned his hands. Bethel Rescue responded to treat the victim.

Friday, March 26

At 12:38 a.m. Ralph R. Wentworth, 46, of Harrison was arrested for OUI on the Mayville Road.

Sunday, March 28

At 8:49 p.m. Albert Gaudreau, 43, of Bethel was charged with violation of a protection order.

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Muckraking

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son begins April 1 and runs for two weeks. "We figured we could earn enough in two weeks to set us up until ice fishing season," he said, "but then those low-tide muck pickers butted in."

And butt in they did, arriving at the Town Office parking lot Sunday afternoon, in a flotilla of late-model but heavily dinged up pickup trucks.

The occupants, a dozen wiry, weathered bullrakers, staggered out and proceeded to set up camp — thus ensuring (or so they thought) that they would be first on line when the licenses became available Monday morning.

Such encampments are commonplace in coastal Maine, where would-be clammers have been known to squat for weeks outside town offices in order to get the lucrative licenses.

And coastal custom calls for respecting the queue. Dare to cut the line and your own lines will be cut in return — and we're not talking here about trap lines.

Imagine, then, our visitors' surprise when they awoke in the wee hours to find a skidder had pulled their trucks from the parking lot, which was now full of local Rams and F150s.

Putting on the night moves

A gleeful Brown described the locals' stealthy nocturnal doings:

"Easier than outfoxing a waddle of wardens. We set up real quiet in the mill lot, ran a long cable and very slowly pulled each truck out."

"Those fellas had partied just a tad Sunday night, so they were sleeping — how shall I say? — 'soundly.'

"And we figured even if their trucks lurched a bit when we pulled, drunken sailors weren't going to be disturbed by that kind of motion — they'd just roll over, dreaming they were back at sea."

Eventually, of course, the dreamers did awaken, and the scene quickly erupted into a full-scale faction fight.

Words, then empty brew cans, then blows, were exchanged. More than a few bumpers were soundly thumped.

But quick response by members of the Greenstock Volunteer Constabulary (who had been nearby manning the town's lucrative snow-sports speed trap) prevented serious bloodletting.

When the law arrived the action quickly ebbed, but two verbally assaultive islanders who refused repeated orders to clam up were arrested and taken to the Oxford County Jail for a little quality tank time.

A third was transported to CMMC for observation. Hugo J. Syngwabbets, 67, of Little Hookah Island, had reportedly become disoriented and hallucinatory after being repeatedly spun around in a smelting net.

"Addled old boat hippie couldn't find his land legs," grinned Brown. "And he kept asking for 'Alice.' Must be his wife or something."

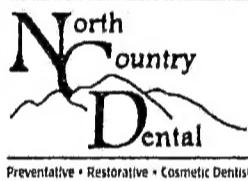
By noon Monday the town crew had cleared the parking lot of debris, and Whitman had issued Greenwood's annual allocation of three clam licenses — to diggers from Japan who had applied and been pre-approved over the Internet.

"I just hope," she said, "Ivan has warned them about the alligators."

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Greenwood

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yes-men," Dunham said.

Others in the audience said they were open to the idea of a recall ordinance, but felt the version in front of voters was too broad and lacking in specifics.

However, Marie Bartlett, also a former selectman, said an ordinance was needed now.

She characterized the proposed ordinance as "an extreme measure [to deal with] a selectman who is not doing what's in the best interest of the town — and is causing more harm than good."

She pointed to tensions Roberts' behavior has created with town officials in Woodstock (who share administration of the G&W transfer station)

"It's absolutely outrageous," Bartlett said.

James Lowe said he believed the town needed such an ordinance to serve as "a safety net

for the removal of an official who is not doing the job."

If the need ever arose to recall an elected official, Lowe said, he believed townspeople could be trusted "not to be petty."

The ordinance passed, by a secret-ballot vote of 44-34.

The vote only served to establish the ordinance — it did not directly affect Roberts' term.

If any voters wish to end his term, the ordinance requires them to collect 31 signatures (10 percent of the number of voters in the last gubernatorial election) on a petition calling for a special Town Meeting.

The actual re-call vote would take place at that meeting.

The ordinance stipulates: "In the event of an affirmative vote for removal, such vote shall take effect upon being declared by the Moderator."

Other matters

All but one of the remaining items on the 47-article warrant were easily approved.

The rejected article called for requiring a permit for the demolition of any structure larger than 12-by-12 feet.

After considerable discussion voters concluded there were too many unanswered questions regarding the manner in which such a permit would be administered.

The article was overwhelmingly rejected, but with the expectation that it would be back before voters when it had been more thoroughly thought through.

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fully equipped plow truck; and \$25,000 as the first of three yearly installments to pay for a town-wide property tax revaluation.

A non-binding resolution committing the town to increase its rate for recycling also passed (see Woodstock Town Meeting story for further details).

Elections

In elections for town officials, Selectman Fred Henderson was re-elected without opposition, as were SAD44 directors Richard Melville (three-year term) and Walter Brough (two-year term).

A one-year School Board term was also open, and three names were nominated. Gerald Broomhall won the position, with 26 votes. James Lowe received 12 votes, and Jacqueline Brown 10.

Vern Maxfield moderated the meeting.

Gilead

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anticipates the mil rate will remain close to its current level, which is 15.50.

In other municipal elections, Fred Corriveau, Lin Chapman, and Bev Corriveau were re-elected unopposed to the positions of road commissioner, treasurer and tax collector, respectively.

Bev Corriveau was also re-elected to the School Committee.

The meeting lasted two hours and was videotaped, because 2004 is Gilead's bicentennial year.

After the meeting, the Bicentennial Committee sold copies of two new books.

One is on the history of Gilead, the other a book of photographs of the town.

Co-chair Lin Chapman said so far about \$1,000 has been taken in from sales of the books, which go for \$10 each.

Woodstock

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townspeople should expect next year's road budget to be "bigger than this one."

Voters also approved \$111,000 for the operation of the transfer station, up from \$95,000 last year.

But Hank Foreman questioned the labor costs for the account, wondering if three attendants at a time were needed at the center.

Selectman Steve Bies said people were needed to watch each of the compactor, recycling bins and white goods areas.

Resolution

Bies was the force behind another article to promote more recycling: "Recognizing the great potential for cost savings through recycling and the environmental benefits of doing so, the citizens of Woodstock commit our town to a renewed effort, in public, and in our homes, to increase our rate of recycling."

Bies said 113 tons of materials were recycled last year,

compared to 120 the year before. "The trend is going in the wrong direction," he said.

He said eight times more weight goes into the solid waste stream than into recycling. He said when he made a concerted effort at home to recycle, he was able to put six times the material into recycling compared to solid waste.

The resolution was passed without opposition. It does not give the town authority to police recycling, Bies said, but attendants will now do more "prodding" at the transfer station.

A similar resolution passed at Saturday's Greenwood Town Meeting.

Voters turned down another article that would have required a demolition permit for any structure larger than 12-by-12 feet. It would have helped selectmen track large amounts of waste material going for disposal, and possibly lead eventually to a

disposal fee.

A similar article at Saturday's Greenwood Town Meeting was also defeated.

One Woodstock voter said it would not be fair to pass it for Woodstock residents if the partner town had not approved it.

As a result of the Town Meeting votes and the projected shares of the SAD44 and county budgets, the amount expected to be raised from taxes this year is \$1.17 million, compared to \$1.09 million in 2003.

Thanks to officials

Also at the meeting, Town Manager Vern Maxfield recognized several retiring town officials, including Monk, Ed Howe and Evelyn Bean.

Howe served as chairman of the Planning Board for 10 years. Bean served on the same board for 11 years — without ever missing a meeting.

Monday's meeting was moderated by Cliff York.

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Bethelby
Virginia
Keniston

Barbara Douglass has returned from a couple weeks in Florida visiting Mike Brown.

Gwyneth Bohr visited Bob and Carol Rosson in Pensacola, Fla., this past week. Her cousin, Carol, is very ill.

Tom and Dawn Giroux of Biddeford have purchased the house next to the Masonic Hall on Chapman Street.

Lee and Al Barth have sold their property on Grover Hill and have moved to Paris Hill.

UMW of the Methodist Church will meet at the home of Ginny Walker at Sudbury Village on Thursday, April 1, at 1 p.m.

Gould Girls from '38, '39 and '40 met for lunch at the Chinese restaurant on Friday to celebrate Mary Keniston's birthday.

Lorrie and Dick Hoeh attended an Elder Hostel Cruise on a river barge on the Mississippi River. "Cajuns and Creole" was the subject. They learned a lot about New Orleans history.

Mike and Amy Davis attended the Androscoggin Chorale at the Norway Congregational Church. Susan Davis White was a participant.

Brent and Laurie Angevine and two children, Luke and Leah, moved to the former Avery Angevine house on Evergreen Road last Saturday.

Lorrie and Dick Hoeh spent the weekend in Boston with two grandsons. They attended the Ballet at the Wang Center, the Museum of Fine Arts special "Gauguin" and the Aquarium.

Olive Williams has been in the hospital and is now with her daughter, Irene Stanish at 1001 Colony Pt. Circle 112, Bldg. 5, Pembroke Pines, FL 33026. She would welcome cards or letters.

Steve and Rosie Cross, Tim and Evelyn Swan have returned from a week in Aruba.

Isabelle Bennett of Lexington, Mass., spent the weekend with Linda Westleigh.

Ruth Wight is a patient at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway.

Linda Westleigh and daughter, Lisa Pivin, and grandson, Austin Westleigh, and Laura Pivin of Portland and University of Maine in Gorham were in Portland for lunch on Saturday.

Bob and Ginny Keniston will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Thursday, April 1. Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge met Friday in Norway where players from as far away as Lewiston-Auburn and Conway were again welcomed. Winners for the morning were: first, Martine Begert and Les Buzzell; second, Mike and Pat Quinn; third, David Lock and Jeanine Kivus. Bill Bowman and Don Johnson were winners in Section B with Marta Clements and Nancy Farmer coming in second.

Uptonby
Eleanor
LeComte

"Mud Season" is here!

Brown, oozy mud is everywhere.

The dog is banned from the house until she has a complete wipe down. There is still plenty of snow just waiting to melt and cause more mud. The nights are cold but the days warm up very nicely. The folks tapping trees should have a good run with the weather conditions that are prevailing. We can't resist buying seeds in preparation for the garden. The stored tuberous begonias are starting to sprout little pink shoots. Let's hope for an early "ice out."

Congratulations to Tyler Aldrich for achieving Honorable Mention for grade six in the Science Fair. Her sister Jennifer received fourth prize for grade seven.

While visiting Al Gagnon the other day I had the good fortune to talk to his grandson Christopher Klenk, who is a tank commander in Baghdad.

Larry Nelson has been putting great effort into training his puppy, Tansy. Since she wasn't getting the message he resorted to purchasing a shock collar from Cabellas. Being a careful sort of a guy he played the CD that accompanied the collar. It didn't help much due to the fact that it was a CD on "how to

get away from the "gross" talk, they do have other admirable features. The nest is usually found in hollow stumps, caves, or on bare ground in thickets. While the eggs are in the nest, Mom will fly off if approached. However, if the two downy, ugly white chicks have hatched, the mother bird will not budge from the nest and will even allow the interloper to touch her. The chicks are first fed by regurgitation but since "carion" is the future meal, the stench discourages human visitors who would come near the nest. They fly south in loose flocks of 20 or 30. Since they are soaring birds they seldom travel in a straight line. They have their place in the scheme of things, and "beauty is in the eye of the beholder."

play the guitar." That dog will never play the guitar, let alone "sit" and "stay," but Larry is planning to join a rock band.

Jennifer and Paul Casey have returned from West Virginia after attending a week-long seminar sponsored by the U.S. Wild Life Refuge.

The Bull Moose was loaded to capacity with diners on Saturday night. It was like old home week with everyone coming out of hibernation. The prime rib was "prime." It went over the lips, right to the hips.

The Stanczyc's, trying to avoid mud season, toured Virginia last week. That is the "good news." The "bad news" is that it will be here in August on May 14 and 15 this year.

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East Stonehamby
Eleanor
Nelson

Hi readers. On March 18, the Stoneham Republicans met at the home of Becky Adams for a caucus meeting at 7 p.m. with five people in attendance. Officers were nominated and elected for the coming season. The convention will be in Augusta on May 14 and 15 this year.

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'Ryerson's Island' book signing

Author Harry Faulkner of Bethel will be at Books 'N Things on Main Street for a book signing April 6 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Faulkner is the author of "Ryerson's Island," a novel chosen for publication by Publish America Co., Inc. It is not a self-published project — Faulkner has received a payment from PA for the book.

The story, based in Maine, is about three friends who come together years after serving in the military. At a home overlooking Casco Bay, two of them confront the third over his drug addiction, said Faulkner. "It creates all kinds of turmoil. They come close to blows," he said. After a period of contemplation on the deck, the addicted friend sees the sun rising and thinks, said Faulkner, "This is beautiful. People would pay money to see this." He convinces his friends to help find a place to run a resort business, with sunrises as a featured attraction. They find an island, 25 miles offshore, and start a hotel/golf resort — with both sunrises and sunsets visible from the location.

From there, said Faulkner, the book gets into everything from personal relationships to union troubles.

The story is based loosely on a group of his own Army friends, he said.

Faulkner began writing the book in the spring of 2002.

Before that, he had written several short stories.

A Boston native, Faulkner came to Bethel in 1987 and opened the Backstage Lounge, which he has operated since then. His background also includes acting, songwriting and playing in a band.

in Boston.

The Waterford Friendly Senior Citizens luncheon and meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. at North Waterford Church vestry on Wednesday, April 7.

Easter Sunrise Service and Easter Breakfast will be held Sunday, April 11, with regular worship service at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Church.

Guess that's it for this week. See you next week. You make it happen and I will write about it.

Andoverby
Joan
Stinson-Carney

The Highway Department will begin cleaning the Woodlawn Cemetery on April 19. You should go down before then and rescue anything that you don't want thrown away — flower containers, stuff like that.

Rhonda Jodrey wants to thank the citizens of Andover for "putting up with her" during her time as acting postmaster. Charles Cornwell is back from his travels and is in command again; you can still visit Rhonda at the Post Office every Saturday, as she still has her position as PMR.

Frankly, I think Rhonda did an excellent job, and I'll miss her being there every day. Please don't take that personally, Chuck. I missed you, too. Too bad Andover couldn't have two postmasters.

I am still amazed at the people who like my column and tell me about it. The other day I was in Andover General and this stranger asked me if I was the person who wrote for the Bethel Citizen, and then proceeded to tell me how much his mother likes my writing (he never said that he read it, only his mother), so I want to thank Clifford Glover's mother, Clifford, if you want your name in the paper, you will have to send me a fan letter. Clifford is the log buyer for Andover Wood.

My son Tom must have been very bored at work the other night so he decided to go hunting on the Internet for Bigfoot sightings in the state of Maine. Did you know that in July of 2001 there was a sighting in Andover? According

to the person who witnessed these occurrences, it happened on two consecutive nights just off the South Arm Road. He was really scared and doesn't really want to talk about it. Question: if you heard it for two nights in a row, and were really scared, why didn't you leave after

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by Sharon Bouchard

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I had the strangest dream the other night. It wasn't a nightmare, in fact, it was a good dream, but it was certainly strange.

In this dream I was apparently very rich. Dreams don't explain things very well so I don't know how rich, but from what I can remember of it money was no object. Boy, that really would be a dream for most of us, wouldn't it!

Anyway, this dream didn't explain how I got rich either. In real life the only way that could happen is to win the lottery or a sweepstakes. I'll certainly never get rich on the job or writing a weekly column. There are no wealthy relatives to eventually pass on an inheritance that will leave me financially comfortable.

So, for the sake of argument I will assume that in this dream I won a very large sum of money. It would have had to be a very large sum because the setting of the dream was a very swanky hotel. The kind of swanky hotel that Donald Trump might own. There was a lot of mahogany and gold and carpets that your feet sunk way down into. And, it was apparent in this dream that I was not just passing through this swanky hotel — I lived there!

I have no idea what I did with Henry or my cats and I'm pretty sure that if the dream had directed me to have a valet bring my car around it would not have been my older model Buick Century with the glove compartment that is taped shut with duct tape.

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the strange part, okay, it's all strange, but this makes it even stranger. I was living a life of luxury, but I didn't love it. You'd think I would. It was painfully obvious that I didn't know how to be rich. I was like a fish out of water.

As the dream progressed it started to look like a bad version of Ma and Pa Kettle Take Manhattan only in this case Ma came alone.

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I hate to admit it, but I'm just not a very refined person. My tastes are a direct reflection of my budget and that involves a lot of ground beef. I might be wrong but I

don't think the five-star restaurant of my dream would have a single box of Hamburger Helper in their kitchen.

I imagine that people who are raised in an affluent environment are right at home with Haute Cuisine and bathrooms with bidets. I, however, am a lot more comfortable with a fried chicken dinner and a toilet that doesn't squirt back at me.

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A trip to the bathroom verified that I really was awake and no longer a resident of the Hotel Affluent. It was all too apparent that no maid service had been in that room.

In the kitchen I open the refrigerator and saw the Cool Whip bowl that I knew contained the leftover Hamburger Helper from the previous night's supper. In my world we have supper and in my dream world it's dinner. I somehow found my supper leftovers comforting.

I guess I really don't know how to be a rich person, but I think with the proper training I could learn. All it would take is a little instruction and a whole lot of money.

Who knows, maybe some day I will win the lottery and be very rich and the way I see it, that would be a real dream come true.

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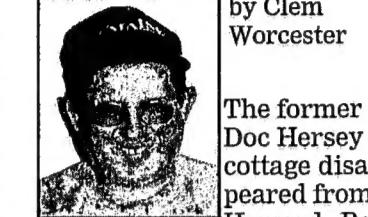
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The next meeting will take place April 18 at 6 p.m. at the Hanover Town Office.

Locke Mills



by Loraine Larson

This has been for the most part an uneventful week.

The days seem to go by with calm precision and it makes us realize, at least it does me, how much we take for granted that most of the world's ills will stay "over there somewhere." I can't imagine and don't want to know firsthand what it must be like for people who have never known anything but fighting and mayhem. The New York disaster is as close as I care to come.

My mind does not comprehend why there are people devoted to destroying other people and laying waste all that which people have labored to build up. It would seem as if this world had enough troubles that one has little or no control over without making it worse than it has to be.

I cannot comprehend that kind of hate for one's fellow man. I cannot imagine what kind of a world these people think it should be that they can make it better by killing and destroying, or do they think that people should suffer all of the time instead of just part of the time?

Or is it that they believe that man is and should be "bent toward evil and that continually" and there is no reason to try to make things better? Or maybe it is as one teacher I had said, it is relief from boredom. I cannot believe that anyone can get that bored.

Well, I suppose I am not going to find pat answers as to what makes these people tick, but every time I hear that someone has been killed and the "other side" vows revenge it gets me to thinking and it isn't always wise for me to get thinking. I think long, long thoughts.

By the time you read this Town Meeting will have come and gone and, hopefully, the town will have gotten any problems ironed out that need to be. Unfortunately, it looks as if I am going to miss it and I feel badly about that, but I couldn't get out of a prior commitment. I should have

thought about checking the date for the meeting before I made the other commitment, but it was a ways back and I wasn't thinking about the Town Meeting at that time. I do hope that lots of other people will have done better than I and were able to attend and put in their ten cents worth (I am allowing for inflation).

And speaking of inflation, doesn't the price at the gas tanks make you shiver? I can see where I am going to be home most of the summer. I may have a car but I won't be able to afford to drive it anywhere.

I rather wanted to get up to Marcia's and see her new residence firsthand, but I may have to make do with just pictures, which she finally got around to send me this week. I was rather amused to see it where Jon had said he didn't really like to be in the center of town but it was the best they could find in their price range.

There is nothing but fields in back of them and their nearest neighbors are certainly more than a stone's throw away. I guess it is all in one's point of view.

One thing I am really happy about is that the snow is finally giving way and it's beginning to look like spring is just around the corner. You notice that I do not capitalize spring any more. I got tired of fighting with the computer, which said it should not be.

It looks funny to me not to do it but I hope that the powers that be are correct. I certainly wouldn't like to take the word of the computer and find out, horrors, that it is wrong. And so until next week, have a good one.

West Paris



by Bertha DeHaas

Congratulations go out this week to the Ring-McKeeen Post 151 American Legion and Auxiliary on celebrating their 85th anniversary.

They hosted a Spaghetti Supper with all the trimmings, topped off with an anniversary cake made by auxiliary member Bertha DeHaas, and ice cream.

Boy Scout Troop 133, which is sponsored by Ring-McKeeen 151 American Legion, was the guest group for the evening.

This troop has grown to about 20 members, plus Cub Scouts. We understand that Boy Scout Troop 133 plans to assist our legionnaires this spring in placing flags on our veterans' graves. Our scout leaders are Nicholas DiConzo Sr., Nick DiConzo Jr., "Chuck" Noyes and Josh Noyes.

The members of Ring-McKeeen 151 Auxiliary did the Birthday Party at the Veterans' Home on High Street, South Paris in February as one of their ongoing yearly projects.

Our next big project is the annual Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 31. Come join us and be part of our parade.

The Agnes L. Gray School after school program, called the 21st Century After School Program for grades one-six, started Monday, March 29. They meet Monday through Friday from 3:05 to 6 p.m. at the school. There are many good activities for the young people. For more information, call 674-2332.

Every Thursday from 1:30 to 1:50 p.m. all the students of K-six of both Legion Memorial and Agnes L. Gray schools will be participating in a "Silent Reading" program school wide.

The Agnes L. Gray School is joining the drive to send packages to the five boys from our town over in Iraq. Good going. This all helps boost moral.

The West Paris Girl Scouts of Kennebec Council 1486 will make a donation to "Project Care Package" for our five boys in Iraq, plus a series of postcards and posters of local interest to our boys. The more we keep this project alive and well, the more our boys will realize how much we care, and it will help to keep their courage up during this very arduous and difficult time in their young lives. As the scout motto says: "Always be prepared." Congratulations girls.

I should like very much to thank the members of my church, Grange and Legion families for helping me while I have been ill. It is no fun to deal with respiratory problems, especially as one becomes older. If you have asthma, it becomes really complicated if bronchitis and pneumonia enter into the mix. The cost of medication has risen to the point that it makes one really sit back and take notice. As Gram used to say, one has to "rob Peter to pay Paul" to make ends meet

40 YEARS AND STILL COUNTING
Woodstock's Evelyn Bean recently retired from the Planning Board after 11 years, but she's still going strong as a ballot clerk. She has served in that capacity since 1964. Here, Bean (right) counts ballots with Doreen Wilbur at Monday's Town Meeting. During Bean's time on the Planning Board, she never missed a meeting.
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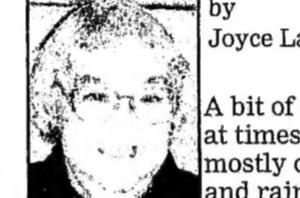
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The Universalist Church service on April 11 will be at 9 a.m. The title of the service is "In Small and Big Ways We Are Kept from Destroying Ourselves in Small Ways." Jim Burke is organist.

Hope with proper spring weather, we all shall become healthier.

See you all next week.

West Paris



by Joyce Lamb

A bit of sun at times but mostly cloudy and rain.

All the little snowstorms during the week did not add up to much. We do need more liquid to soak into the ground to get the plants growing. I have seen enough snow but the ski areas are suffering. A snowless ski area that is turning brown is rather depressing for those that want to ski.

At the West Paris Universalist Church on April 4 the Rev. Joy Gasta will speak on "Calm Before the Storm: Working Together to Prepare." It is Palm Sunday.

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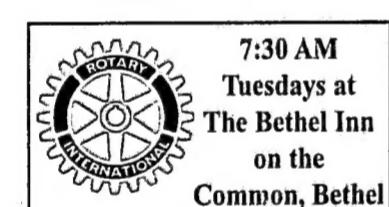
Albany



by Dana & Sheila Dyke
Greetings and hello from Albany Township. Ahh... spring.

The snow is melting. Mud season will be beginning soon. It's so nice to get out in the day and hear the birds chirping and listening to the little animals in the treetops scratching. The kids were able to put aside their winter coats in favor of lighter jackets, and soon, even the boots (so nice during mud season) will be set aside as well. The view from our home is spectacular, with the sun shining on the mountains in the distance. You can feel God's hand in the awakening of nature. Make sure you get out to enjoy it.

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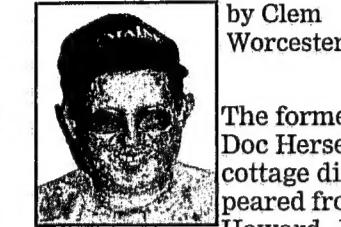
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Locke Mills



by
Lorraine
Larson

This has been for the most part an uneventful week.

The days seem to go by with calm precision and it makes us realize, at least it does me, how much we take for granted that most of the world's ills will stay "over there somewhere." I can't imagine and don't want to know firsthand what it must be like for people who have never known anything but fighting and mayhem. The New York disaster is as close as I care to come.

My mind does not comprehend why there are people devoted to destroying other people and laying waste all that which people have labored to build up. It would seem as if this world had enough troubles that one has little or no control over without making it worse than it has to be.

I cannot comprehend that kind of hate for one's fellow man. I cannot imagine what kind of a world these people think it should be that they can make it better by killing and destroying, or do they think that people should suffer all of the time instead of just part of the time?

Or is it that they believe that man is and should be "bent toward evil and that continually" and there is no reason to try to make things better? Or maybe it is as one teacher I had said, it is relief from boredom. I cannot believe that anyone can get that bored.

Well, I suppose I am not going to find pat answers as to what makes these people tick, but every time I hear that someone has been killed and the "other side" vows revenge it gets me to thinking and it isn't always wise for me to get thinking. I think long, long thoughts.

By the time you read this Town Meeting will have come and gone and, hopefully, the town will have gotten any problems ironed out that need to be. Unfortunately, it looks as if I am going to miss it and I feel badly about that, but I couldn't get out of a prior commitment. I should have

thought about checking the date for the meeting before I made the other commitment, but it was a ways back and I wasn't thinking about the Town Meeting at that time. I do hope that lots of other people will have done better than I and were able to attend and put in their ten cents worth (I am allowing for inflation).

And speaking of inflation, doesn't the price at the gas tanks make you shiver? I can see where I am going to be home most of the summer, I may have a car but I won't be able to afford to drive it anywhere.

I rather wanted to get up to Marcia's and see her new residence firsthand, but I may have to make do with just pictures, which she finally got around to send me this week. I was rather amused to see it where Jon had said he didn't really like to be in the center of town but it was the best they could find in their price range.

There is nothing but fields in back of them and their nearest neighbors are certainly more than a stone's throw away. I guess it is all in one's point of view.

One thing I am really happy about is that the snow is finally giving way and it's beginning to look like spring is just around the corner. You

notice that I do not capitalize spring any more. I got tired of fighting with the computer, which said it should not be.

It looks funny to me not to do it but I hope that the powers that be are correct. I certainly wouldn't like to take the word of the computer and find out, horrors, that it is wrong. This all helps boost moral.

The West Paris Girl Scouts of Kennebec Council 1486 will make a donation to "Project Care Package" for our five boys in Iraq, plus a series of postcards and posters of local interest to our boys. The more we keep this project alive and well, the more our boys will realize how much we care, and it will help to keep their courage up during this very arduous and difficult time in their young lives. As the scout motto says: "Always be prepared." Congratulations girls.

I should like very much to thank the members of my church, Grange and Legion families for helping me while I have been ill. It is no fun to deal with respiratory problems, especially as one becomes older. If you have asthma, it becomes really complicated if bronchitis and pneumonia enter into the mix.

The cost of medication has risen to the point that it makes one really sit back and take notice. As Gram used to say, one has to "rob Peter to pay Paul" to make ends meet

This troop has grown to about 20 members, plus Cub Scouts.

We understand that Boy Scout Troop 133 plans to assist our legionnaires this spring in placing flags on our veterans' graves. Our scout leaders are Nicholas DiConzo Sr. Nick DiConzo Jr., "Chuck" Noyes and Josh Noyes.

The members of Ring-McKeen 151 Auxiliary did the Birthday Party at the Veterans' Home on High Street, South Paris in February as one of their ongoing yearly projects.

Our next big project is the annual Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 31. Come join us and be part of our parade.

The Agnes L. Gray School after school program, called the 21st Century After School Program for grades one-six, started Monday, March 29. They meet Monday through Friday from 3:05 to 6 p.m. at the school. There are many good activities for the young people. For more information, call 674-2332.

Every Thursday from 1:30 to 1:50 p.m. all the students of K-six of both Legion Memorial and Agnes L. Gray schools will be participating in a "Silent Reading" program school wide.

The Agnes L. Gray School is joining the drive to send packages to the five boys from our town over in Iraq. Good going. This all helps boost moral.

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40 YEARS AND STILL COUNTING

Woodstock's Evelyn Bean recently retired from the Planning Board after 11 years, but she's still going strong as a ballot clerk. She has served in that capacity since 1964. Here, Bean (right) counts ballots with Doreen Wilbur at Monday's Town Meeting. During Bean's time on the Planning Board, she never missed a meeting. (Photo by Alison Aloisio)



on the top of Perham's Hill at Ray and Mary Ann Brown's. Easter breakfast will follow at the Church.

The Universalist Church service on April 11 will be at 9 a.m. The title of the service is "In Small and Big Ways We Are Kept from Destroying Ourselves in Small Ways." Jim Burke is organist.

The Goodwill Fellowship met with Joyce Lamb for a potluck supper and meeting.

There were eight members present. The entertainment was Pokeno. Each brought a gift and most won at least once. The next meeting will be at Nancy Willard's on Bryant Pond. All are trusting there will be no ice so the cars can easily drive uphill to the road to get home.

Beverly Stevens and I shopped at Shaw's and Penney's this week. I still need a little help with items on the top shelves and the heavy things. What does one do without good friends? Beverly made my shopping easier.

Beryl Bonney is slowly gaining from her extended bout with cold and cough. We hope she is out soon.

Much time is spent combing and brushing Buffy's long fur. It started knotting much earlier this spring. Maybe he knows something we don't and spring will be early this

Albany

by Dana & Sheila Dyke
Greetings and hello from Albany Township. Ahh ... spring.

The snow is melting. Mud season will be beginning soon. It's so nice to get out in the day and hear the birds chirping and listening to the little animals in the treetops scratching. The kids were able to put aside their winter coats in favor of lighter jackets, and soon, even the boots (so nice during mud season) will be set aside as well. The view from our home is spectacular with the sun shining on the mountains in the distance. You can feel God's hand in the awakening of nature. Make sure you get out to enjoy it.

The CMA Run for the Son is coming up the first Saturday in May. Pam and Carlton Rugg are taking sponsors, just as we are. It is a 100-mile ride with CMA chapters all around the U.S. to raise money for

West Paris



by
Joyce Lamb

A bit of sun at times but mostly cloudy and rain.

All the little snowstorms during the week did not add up to much. We need more liquid to soak into the ground to get the plants growing. I have seen enough snow but the ski areas are suffering. A snowless ski area that is turning brown is rather depressing for those that want to ski.

At the West Paris Universalist Church on April 4 the Rev. Joy Gasta will speak on "Calm Before the Storm: Working Together to Prepare." It is Palm Sunday.

On April 11 at 6 a.m. the Sunrise Service for the Universalist Church will be held

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Another program CMA sponsors is donations of bikes, horses, boats (yup, boats), motorbikes, etc., to pastors in poor countries who may have to travel for days on foot to get to their various parishes or visit with residents of their region. The donation of

these various items of transport help the pastors to meet with all who may have a need for them, and still have some time at home with their families.

CMA is maintained financially by its members/chapters, and therefore almost all of the funds raised by this run go directly to the charities/organizations for which they are intended. If you want to sponsor either of us, or Pam and Carlton (it all goes to the same place), please let us know.

Lorrie Hoeh will be in Boston May 15 to 16 for the two-day Avon Walk-a-Thon for Breast Cancer.

This will be her second year for the walk, the first

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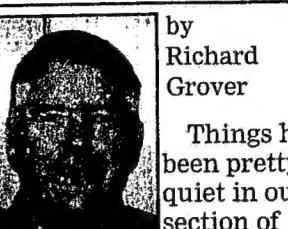
being in 2002 when it was a one-day event. You can contact her directly, or visit the www.Avonwalk.org site to sponsor her as follows: once you get to the main page (it's bright pink — the Breast Cancer color — click on "support a walker/crew member," then click to sponsor a specific walker/crew member; click on "Boston"; type in "Hoeh" (last name) and click on "find"; her name as a link will appear at the bottom of the page, click on that and it brings you to her Web page, and it's pretty self explanatory at that point.

A check of her page shows that she is 95 percent to her goal. That's incredible.

We wish Lorrie the best for this endeavor and bless her for taking this challenge to raise money (and awareness) for this disease.

God Bless and Keep.

Mason



by
Richard
Grover

Things have been pretty quiet in our section of

Mason lately. The snow is now rapidly disappearing, and the leaves that I didn't get raked last fall have reappeared, and they haven't moved.

I've suffered somewhat with a stiff neck recently, and my doctor directed that I not split any more firewood for two weeks. Now, my two weeks are up, neck is better, and I

can work off a few extra calories on the woodpile.

Last Thursday, Mona and I drove to Machias to perform an inspector general (IG) inspection of the CAP squadron there.

It turned out to be a five and a half hour drive there. I get the impression traveling east on Route 9 from Brewer that I am traveling back in time. It seems like things are a lot less built up and hurried in that part of the state than the southern coastal areas — more like "the way we were" when we were growing up around here.

I think Machias has two restaurants and one motel open in the wintertime, and their haddock "chowdah" is heaped with large chunks of delicious fish (left over from) their Wednesday night special of "all you can eat had-dock for \$7.99," I think.

At any rate, we drove back as far as Bangor that night, getting to bed shortly before midnight.

I was sleeping soundly when Mona poked me in the ribs and asked, "Are you going to stay in bed all day?" I looked at the clock and saw 6:25 a.m.

"How come you're getting me up so early? Didn't you hear that airplane take off?"

"No. Why?"

"A tanker airplane took off right over the motel at 5:30, and I thought it was going to take the roof off the motel. And I haven't slept a wink since, so I figured we might as well get up and go home."

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*From the
Whitman
Memorial Library*

If you haven't visited our library recently please come on down. We are having the basement room finished off and it looks great. We hope to be able to have lots of groups using it as soon as it is completed.

Our guest presenter, Pat Stewart, gave an interesting program on March 11, and those attending really enjoyed it. On the second Thursday of April, the 8th, Robert Keniston of Bethel will be our guest. He will talk about his craft of creating wooden bowls. This will be at 10 a.m., is open to the public and there is no charge. Come and enjoy.

A couple of years ago we started displaying artwork and photography by local people and we are continuing to do so. Kathy Berherian of Bryant Pond is our current artist. When you visit the library please take note of our artists in residence.

The last quilting class has been given, but the group wants to continue in the fall. Some beautiful quilts are in progress. The classes are taught by our librarian, Althea Hathaway.

New books for this month are: "The Way The Crow Flies," Ann-Marie MacDonald; "Cry The Beloved Country," Alan Paton; "Q Is For Quarry," Sue Grafton; "Ransom," Danielle Steele; "Seed Of Sarah," Judith Isaacson; "The Sight Of The Stars," Belva Plain; "Bad Business," Robert B. Parker; "Rose Without A Thorn," Marilyn Washburn; "When Hope Springs New," Janette Oke; "The Perfect Summer," Luanne Rice; and one large print book, "Wind Of Promise," Dorothy Garlock.

We also have three new DVDs: "Open Range," "Seabiscuit," and "Finding Nemo."

I have seen all three and would recommend them. If I remember correctly, "Open Range," is a cowboy shoot 'em up type, with the good guys vs. the bad guys, but still a fun movie.

See you at the library.

*From the
Oxford County
Democrats*

The Oxford County Democrats met on Thursday at Buckfield High School with attendees from throughout the county gathered for a potluck supper and business meeting. Maine Democratic Party Executive Director Aymie Walshe spoke to the group on plans for the Maine Democratic Convention to be held in Portland on May 21, 22 and 23. Highlights will include the official balloting for national convention delegates, as well as the adoption of the party platform and election of representatives to the Democratic National Committee. Sam Spencer of Portland, candidate for National Committeeman, was present and addressed the group.

County chairperson Cathy Newell announced that Democrats from Oxford County towns who would like to attend the convention as delegates or alternates but were not elected at the February caucuses should contact her at 875-2116 or cathyh@megalink.net. There is a process for filling delegate slots for towns where elected delegates and alternates are unable to attend. Convention packets have gone out to those reported to the state party following the caucus.

Rep. Rosita Gagne-Friel presented the legislative report, representing Senator Bruce Bryant and Rep. John Patrick,

who were unable to attend. She highlighted the various plans for tax reform, progress on Dirigo Health Care, the laptop initiative, and the budget process.

Candidates were introduced including Terry Hayes of Buckfield, District 94; Marlee Turner of Brownfield, District 97; Timothy Carter of Bethel, District 91; Roy Gedat of Norway, District 95; Gordon Fuller of Denmark, District 99; and George Driscoll of Bethel County Commissioner District 1. Cathy Newell spoke on behalf of candidates who were unable to attend including Price Hutchins of Lovell, Register of Probate; Linda Petrie of Mexico, District 93; Margaret Reimer of Bridgton, District 98; David Ivey of Oxford, District 100; and State Senate candidate Marge Medd of Norway, as well as incumbents Senator Bruce Bryant of Dixfield, Rep. John Patrick of Rumford, and County Commissioner Fred Kennard. Legislative candidates are in the process of completing their Clean Elections qualification prior to the April 15 deadline.

Treasurer Mike Broderick of Bethel outlined plans for upcoming activities. Assistance is welcome and anyone interested in supporting the efforts of the County Committee may contact Chairperson Newell.

*From the
Bethel Family
Health Center*

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receive free nicotine patches or gum. The program is supported by the Partnership for a Tobacco-Free Maine and is being coordinated by the Maine Primary Care Association and the Center for Tobacco Independence.

"Given the fact that western Maine continues to lead the state in nicotine dependence, this is a great opportunity for our patients to initiate the process of nicotine cessation," says Dr. Kevin Finley of the Bethel Family Health Center.

The program reinforces the partnership between the patient and the medical provider in dealing with this serious healthcare risk, who together decide if the patient is ready to make a real commitment to stop tobacco use. The provider then makes the assessment, authorizes the NRT voucher, and the patient receives the NRT from their pharmacy of choice on the same day.

Follow-up visits with providers monitor a patient's progress toward tobacco cessation. Another month of NRT, if medically appropriate, may be authorized. Patients may continue to call the Maine Tobacco Hotline for free and confidential counseling.

Treasury Mike Broderick of Bethel outlined plans for upcoming activities. Assistance is welcome and anyone interested in supporting the efforts of the County Committee may contact Chairperson Newell.

MICLON JOINS TERESA'S—Amanda Miclon of Bryant Pond recently joined the staff at Teresa's Hair Studio in Bryant Pond Village. She specializes in facials, but also provides all hair services, including updated cuts, colors and foiling. Miclon is a graduate of the Headhunters School of Hair Design. Before coming to Teresa's, she worked at a day spa in Auburn.

Notes from

SAD44 Adult Ed

The Adult Education office has been busy lately. We have a few Adult Education classes that will be starting up in April and May. The college students will be finishing up the spring semester the second week of May and are already choosing their courses for this summer. The Learning Center is busy with students finishing their GED testing and completing courses for their High School Completion Diploma. Adult Ed graduation is May 27.

There is still room in the following courses:

CPR on Thursday, April 15 and 22, 6 to 9 p.m., at the Bethel Family Health Center.

CPR Re-certification on Thursday, April 29, 6 to 9 p.m., at the health center.

Driving Dynamics on Tuesday, May 4 and 11, 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Telstar Regional High School.

Body Prayer on Wednesday, May 5 thru May 26, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at Telstar.

a.m. at Telstar.

Do you have your Easter bonnet yet? If not, join Sharon Silver of Silver Creations to

create a lovely centerpiece with fresh cut flowers. Choose from the outstanding selection of fresh flowers just delivered from the market. The class

will be held Thursday, April 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Silver Creations in Bryant Pond. The

cost will be \$15 and the lab fee will be based on materials used. Call the Adult Education office to sign up.

The Public Access Computer Lab at Philbrook Street will be closed until further notice.

Call the Adult Education office with any questions about public access computers.

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MICLON JOINS TERESA'S—Amanda Miclon of Bryant Pond recently joined the staff at Teresa's Hair Studio in Bryant Pond Village. She specializes in facials, but also provides all hair services, including updated cuts, colors and foiling. Miclon is a graduate of the Headhunters School of Hair Design. Before coming to Teresa's, she worked at a day spa in Auburn.

Notes from

SAD44 Adult Ed

The Adult Education office has been busy lately. We have a few Adult Education classes that will be starting up in April and May. The college students will be finishing up the spring semester the second week of May and are already choosing their courses for this summer. The Learning Center is busy with students finishing their GED testing and completing courses for their High School Completion Diploma. Adult Ed graduation is May 27.

There is still room in the following courses:

CPR on Thursday, April 15 and 22, 6 to 9 p.m., at the Bethel Family Health Center.

CPR Re-certification on Thursday, April 29, 6 to 9 p.m., at the health center.

Driving Dynamics on Tuesday, May 4 and 11, 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Telstar Regional High School.

Body Prayer on Wednesday, May 5 thru May 26, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at Telstar.

a.m. at Telstar.

Do you have your Easter bonnet yet? If not, join Sharon Silver of Silver Creations to

create a lovely centerpiece with fresh cut flowers. Choose from the outstanding selection of fresh flowers just delivered from the market. The class

will be held Thursday, April 8 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Silver Creations in Bryant Pond. The

cost will be \$15 and the lab fee will be based on materials used. Call the Adult Education office to sign up.

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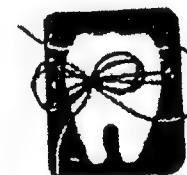
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From the
**Bethel Historical
Society's Regional
History Center**

In order to accommodate participants in the Northern Forest Center's conference at the Bethel Inn, March 25-27, "Promise of Place," the Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center held extended hours to allow visitation of its special exhibit on "Wood and Woods."

On Thursday, March 25, Steve Glazer, Valley Quest coordinator for Vital Communities of White River Junction, Vt., worked with 26 teachers on a Village Quest workshop. Society Curator of Collections Randall Bennett and Executive Director Stanley R. Howe provided information on a walking tour of the Bethel Historic District. Later in the day, Howe also served as a resource for teachers wishing more information on the district and the people who once lived there. At the end of the conference, Glazer wrote a note thanking the society for its generous offerings of time, teaching, research support, resources, photocopying and patience with us through our Bethel Quests process.

On Friday, Bruce Towle, who prepared the "Wood and Woods" exhibit, was present to discuss it with visitors and to work with Jim Chandler on providing an educational aid for teachers and schools.

Tom Coolidge, a senior at Telstar High School, spent the past week at the Bethel Historical Society as part of his Career Week experience.

Another class of the Bethel Historical Society's Winter/Spring course "Northern New England and Canada" was held on March 25 at its Regional History Center. This class explored the development of 18th century colonial settlements of Northern New England and Quebec, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick. At the beginning of the class, there was a discussion of Alan Taylor's article that

appeared in Maine History in 2002, "Center and Peripheries: Locating Maine History." Course instructor, Society Executive Director Stanley R. Howe, used this article whose thesis is that contrary to being on the distant edge of history, Maine has been at the center of things for much of its history through European colonial exploits and national events.

By looking at the nature of borders, neutrality, alliances, smuggling, and conflict, not only is Maine's history more comprehensible, but so is northern New England's and that of Quebec and the Atlantic Provinces.

Among the New Englanders of interest in the 18th century were Ethan Allen, Benedict Arnold, and Robert Rogers. Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys certainly created a "stir" wherever they went, so much so that the governor of New York had a reward posted for Allen's capture. Benedict Arnold, best-known for his daring "March to Quebec" and a rival of Allen's, managed to delay Sir Guy Carleton long enough to prevent the severing of New England off from New York, which might have proven fatal to colonial resistance during the American Revolution.

Robert Rogers of Roger's Rangers fame had a checkered career, which among other activities included counterfeiting New Hampshire currency, killing large numbers of Indians at their St. Francis village, and being an alleged British spy. He eventually escaped to London where he died in a run-down lodging house. Topics during this class included the expulsion of the Acadians, the conquest of New France by Britain, the American War for Independence and the Loyalist migration.

The next class will be held on April 15. Among the topics expected to be discussed are the War of 1812, the Convention of 1818, the Arbitration of the King of the Netherlands, the "Pork and Beans" War, the Webster-Ashburton Treaty of 1842, the Reciprocity Treaty of 1854, French-Canadian Immigration to New England, the Civil War, and the St. Albans and Fenian Raids.

From the
**Bethel Area
Chamber
of Commerce**

Welcome to our newest member, Kathleen Ford, Landscape Architect. Kathleen specializes in creative designs for private residences, educational facilities, public spaces, and commercial building properties. She is a licensed landscape architect and horticulturist. She will do complete planning, layout, grading, and planting designs, specializing in ecological designs that enhance the natural features of your property. She is available for consultation and conceptual sketches and can work with you through project completion. AutoCAD capabilities are available as well. She can be reached at 836-2767 or through e-mail kf@megalink.net.

Nominations for our annual Awards are due to the chamber office no later than Monday, April 5. We would like to recognize deserving individuals and businesses in several categories including: Business of the Year, Henry H. Hastings Award for Citizenship, Lifetime Achievement Award, Public Service Award, Forest Industry Award and Employee of the Year Awards in four categories: Educational, Hospitality, Ski Services and Retail/Service. Call the chamber office at 834-2282 or stop in for a nomination form.

The awards will be presented at our annual Awards Dinner and Auction on Friday, May 13, at the Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River Ski Resort. The Annual Fund continues until June 30. Contributions may be directed to the Bethel Library Association, P.O. Box 130, Bethel, ME 04217-0130.

All members and friends are invited to the April Business After Hours on Thursday, April 15, at S.S. Milton on Main Street, Bethel. Stan and Sue Milton are looking forward to getting to know all our members and friends.

The next Community Networking Breakfast is Wednesday, April 14, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Sandy Neily, the executive director of the Maine Conservation School in Bryant Pond, will be our guest

speaker. This is also a time for our businesspeople and community organizations to have an opportunity to share all their exciting news. Call our office (834-2282) if you are not currently receiving the e-mail invitation. The location of the breakfast will be forthcoming, but save the date.

From the
Bethel Library

Bethel Library trustees and staff are delighted to have the facility open again, following the early February hiatus for stack area renovations. Come, visit our bright, airy, and reorganized space for the audio and video and adult fiction-nonfiction collections. The \$22,000 project was made possible by the "Improvement Fund," and many gifts received by the library's Annual Fund.

To date, the 2003-2004 Annual Fund, which seeks \$14,000 to replenish the Improvement Fund and to support new acquisitions, equipment and staff compensation, has received \$11,815 in gifts and pledges. Very welcome progress indeed.

February and March donors include: Stephen and Lynda Chandler, Brunswick, and the American Legion Post 81 (in memory of departed veterans), Susan Driscoll, Michael and Julie Drapeau, Mary Keniston, Betsy and Charlie Raymond, Bill and Nancy White, and The Maine Press, all of Bethel.

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From the
**Bethel
Water District**

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From the
**Jackson-Silver
Auxiliary**

After Jeff and Calla Tyler lost their home to fire back in January, Franklin Grange in Bryant Pond and the Jackson-Silver American Legion Auxiliary in Locke Mills began to plan to help them in recovering from their loss. A supper and dance will take place at the Legion Hall on Gore Road in Locke Mills on Saturday, April 3.

The supper will include a variety of beans and casseroles, salads and pies and will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m., with dancing to follow to the toe-tapping tunes of the Richard Felt Band. There will be a 50/50 drawing and raffles, also. Cost is \$6 for ages 12 and up, \$3 for under age 12, and additional donations will be accepted.

Please come and help this young couple get back on their feet.

From
**Maine
Handicapped
Skiing**

Maine Handicapped Skiing, Maine's largest adaptive recreation program for adults and children with physical disabilities, raised \$269,000 at the 19th annual Ski-A-Thon, Saturday, March 20, at Sunday River Ski Resort and Sunday River Inn and Cross Country Ski Center.

Over 630 skiers and riders, along with 120 volunteers, participated in the popular fund raiser, Maine's largest single-day fundraiser. Highlights of the event included an on-slope obstacle course built and operated by the Parrot Head Club of Maine and a fun race at Monday Mourning, sponsored by Aircast, Inc. for the sixth year in a row.

Rockin' George Leh and His Band capped the day's entertainment playing an exciting night of rhythm and blues in front of hundreds of Ski-A-Thoners.

The Ski-A-Thon team, Snow

Snakes, was the top team fundraiser at \$19,570, winning a five-day ski, four-night lodging package for five at Killington, Vt. Craig Cooper was the top individual fundraiser for the third year in a row at \$11,515, winning a three-day ski package for two to Attitash.

Jim Hamlin was honored by Maine Handicapped Skiing with the 110-percent Award for individuals, businesses or organizations who have given extraordinary service to MHS. Hamlin has been a volunteer at MHS for years and has served on the board of directors as an equipment technician and photographer.

Judy Barker of Bethel won a 12-foot custom made kayak produced and donated by Lincoln Canoes and Kayaks, Freeport. The owner of Lincoln, Sandy Martin, is a long-time volunteer at Maine Handicapped Skiing and has donated a kayak for the Ski-A-Thon for many years.

Sunday River Ski Resort, founding sponsor of Maine Handicapped Skiing, provided free lift tickets to skiers and riders at the Ski-A-Thon. Sunday River Inn and Cross County Ski Center, home of MHS's cross-country skiing and snowshoeing program, provided passes for the cross-country skiers participating in the Ski-A-Thon.

For information on becoming a volunteer or a participant in Maine Handicapped Skiing's adaptive recreation program for adults and children with physical disabilities, please call (800) 639-7770, e-mail MHS at info@skimhs.org or check out the MHS Web site at www.skimhs.org.

From the
**White Mountain
National Forest**

White Mountain National Forest Supervisor Tom Wagner welcomed Katie Stuart to her new position as District Ranger for the Androscoggin Ranger District, based in Gorham, N.H. As district ranger she is responsible for overseeing all activities

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of the district, and joins the leadership team that guides the management of the entire 780,000-acre White Mountain National Forest.

The Androscoggin Ranger District encompasses about 194,000 acres, reaching from the northern Presidential mountains to the Kilkenny region near Berlin, and east from the summit of Mount Washington to the Evans Notch area and the foothill towns of Albany and Stoneham. The district also operates an office and visitor center in Bethel.

"Katie brings to us a diverse background in public land management, and great experience as a district ranger. She will serve the land and the public well and will carry on the New England tradition of community involvement in managing the White Mountain National Forest. We're very pleased to have her join us," the Forest supervisor said.

Stuart returns to the North-east after beginning her career 26 years ago with a summer

forestry job at International Paper in Rumford and Stratton. A native of Grand Isle, N.Y., she has a B.S. degree from Cornell University and went on to earn a M.S. in Forest Science at Michigan State University.

Prior to joining the White Mountain National Forest, Stuart held positions on national forests in the Rocky Mountains, Pacific Northwest, and most recently, on the Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri where she was a district ranger. In her 20 years with the U.S. Forest Service, she has served as a firefighter, forester, volunteer coordinator, recreation forest ranger, and silviculturist. Along with on-the-ground management experience, she has held leadership positions at various levels of the agency.

From the

Northern Forest Heritage Park

Landscape artist Ernest Demers of Randolph, N.H.,

will be the first participant in a series of monthly exhibits to be held at the Northern Forest Heritage Park. The newly renovated Art Gallery is located in the Brown Company House Museum & Visitor Center. Demers will demonstrate his unique artistic talent on Friday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to noon.

A resident of the small village of Randolph in the heart of the White Mountains just north of the Presidential Range, Demers captures the beautiful natural surroundings so familiar to him. Rivers and brooks, fields and forest, scenic farms, stone walls and country roads are captured in seasonal colors, "en plein air." His still life paintings capture natural light on fine collectibles, such as old brass, antique porcelain and china, fine linen and delicate flowers as displayed in a variety of traditional studio settings.

"It is exciting to be the first exhibitor in the new Art Gallery. The park is the only opportunity for local artists to display their creations and I am happy to be a part of it," Demers stated.

Demers, a longtime supporter of the Northern Forest Heritage Park's dedication to preserving the rich cultural heritage of the Northern White Mountains, captures the essence of the heart of the White Mountains.

From

N.H.C.T.C.

There is a new member of the New Hampshire Community Technical College "family" in Berlin, N.H. Corey Fecteau, a Berlin native, joins Phil Slocum in the Mobile

Equipment Department and Diesel Technology Department. Fecteau has been on board since January and is enjoying his time with the students at the college. "It's been great to be welcomed into such a great institution and be able to work with such a fine group of colleagues and students," he said.

After graduating from Berlin High, Fecteau headed to Calais to attend school at Washington County Technical College. He earned a degree in Mechanical Technology, concentrating in heavy equipment maintenance and operation. After graduation, he left northern Maine and returned to New Hampshire where he worked as a fleet manager and lead mechanic in Lancaster, and a maintenance supervisor at the mill in Berlin.

From

N.O.W.

Tar Wars is a program of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and is a tobacco-free education program given to fourth and fifth grade students across the country and internationally. This program is made possible in this community through a collaboration with Swift River Health Care and Project NOW, Northern Oxford Wellness.

This year 14 fourth grade classrooms in the River Valley area and beyond received the Tar Wars presentation. The presentation consists of a discussion on topics including: short term effects of using tobacco, financial costs, reasons people use tobacco, and tobacco and advertising.

Each pupil is invited to par-



MPA PRINCIPAL'S AWARD WINNER—Megan Kelly of Woodstock, a senior at Telstar Regional High School, is the recipient of the 2004 Principal's Award. The award, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association, is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. "Megan is truly deserving of this award," said Principal Shawn Lambert. "She is an outstanding leader and a scholar." Kelly, Lambert and other award winners and their principals will attend an Honor Luncheon at the Bangor Civic Center on Saturday. The Honors Luncheon recognizes the students with the presentation of an individual plaque and the awarding of five \$1,000 scholarships in the names of Horace O. McGowan and Richard W. Tyler. McGowan and Tyler were former Maine principals and executive directors to the association. The Principal's Award is presented in more than 143 Maine public and private high schools.

From

N.H.C.T.C.

There is a new member of the New Hampshire Community Technical College "family" in Berlin, N.H. Corey Fecteau, a Berlin native, joins Phil Slocum in the Mobile

ticipate in a poster contest depicting the positive effects of being tobacco free. Pupils are encouraged to develop a catchy slogan on the poster.

Winners from the Crescent Park Elementary School in Bethel were: Ellie Cramton—Class Winner—Mrs. Jerome; Jessica Henley—Honorable Mention—Mrs. Jerome; Molly Siegel—Class Winner—Mrs. Davis; Bryce Richmon—Class Winner—Mrs. Steck.

All winning posters have been sent to the state competition.

TMS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Telstar Middle School Students of the Month for February were:

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Grade Seven: Whitney Mills, Tim Aguilar.

Grade Eight: Sarah Field, Mark Emerson.

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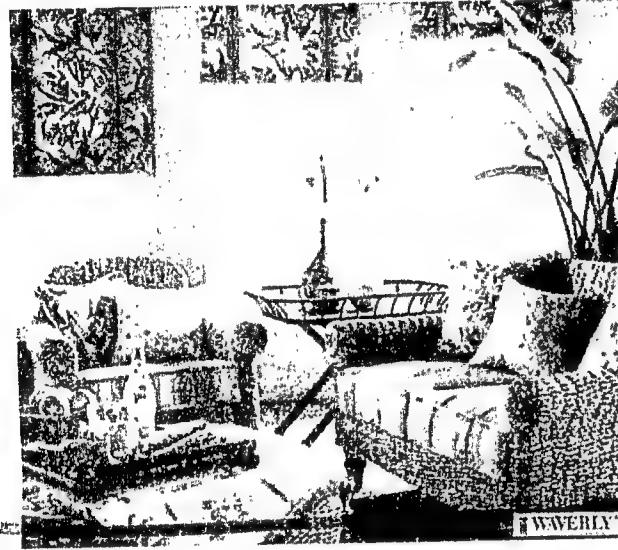
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DATE	TEAM	BASEBALL	SOFTBALL	TIME
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Fri 2	at Gorham, ME	✓	✓	3:30
Mon 5	at Poland	✓	✓	3:30
Tues 6	at Fryeburg Academy	✓	✓	3:30
Sat 10	at Sacopee Valley	✓	✓	11:00
Mon 12	at Buckfield	✓	✓	3:30
Wed 14	at Oak Hill	✓	✓	3:30
Thurs 15	at Livermore Falls	✓	✓	4:00
Fri 16	at Maranacook	✓	✓	3:30
Mon 19	at Mattamuskeet HS, NC	✓	✓	4:00
Mon 19	at Hebron Academy	✓	✓	4:00
Tues 20	at Cape Hatteras, NC	✓	✓	4:30
Wed 21	at Currituck, NC	✓	✓	5:00
Wed 21	at Richmond	✓	✓	12:00
Thurs 22	at Manteo HS, NC	✓	✓ (V & JV)	4:00 (DH)
Fri 23	at Gould Academy	✓	✓	4:00
Mon 26	Hall-Dale	✓	✓	4:00
Wed 28	at Wiscasset	✓	✓	4:00
Fri 30	Carrabec	✓	✓	4:00
May				
Mon 3	at Jay	✓	✓	4:00
Wed 5	Winthrop	✓	✓	4:00
Fri 7	Gould Academy	✓	✓	4:00
Fri 7	at Hebron Academy	✓	✓	4:00
Mon 10	at Monmouth Academy	✓	✓	4:00
Wed 12	at Boothbay	✓	✓	4:00
Fri 14	Madison	✓	✓	4:00
Mon 17	at Lisbon	✓	✓	4:00
Wed 19	Mt. Abram	✓	✓	4:00
Fri 21	Dirigo	✓	✓	4:00
Mon 24	at Mountain Valley	✓	✓	4:00
Wed 26	Georges Valley	✓	✓	4:00
June				
Tues 1	Prelim			TBA
Thurs 3	Quarterfinals			TBA
Sat 5	Semifinals			TBA
Wed 9	Regional Championships	Gorham HS		TBA
Sat 12	State Championships	Gorham HS		TBA

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TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

DATE	TEAM	BASEBALL	SOFTBALL	TIME
April				
Mon 12	at Gould	✓	✓	4:00
Mon 26	at Gould	✓	✓	4:30
Tues 27	Dirigo	✓	✓	4:00
Thurs 29	at Carrabec	✓	✓	4:00
May				
Mon 3	Jay	✓	✓	4:00
Tues 4	at Livermore	✓	✓	4:00
Thurs 6	Madison	✓	✓	4:00
Fri 7	at Gould	✓	✓	4:00
Mon 10	Mt. Valley	✓	✓	4:00
Thurs 13	Monmouth	✓	✓	4:00
Fri 14	at Madison	✓	✓	4:00
Mon 17	Gorham, NH	✓	✓	4:00
Wed 19	at Mt. Abram	✓	✓	4:00
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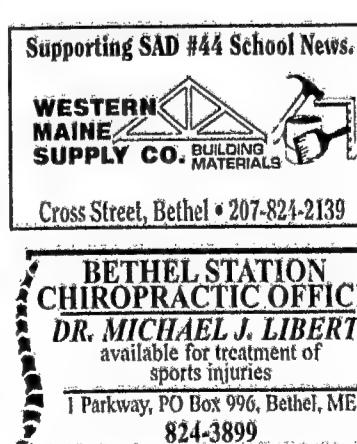
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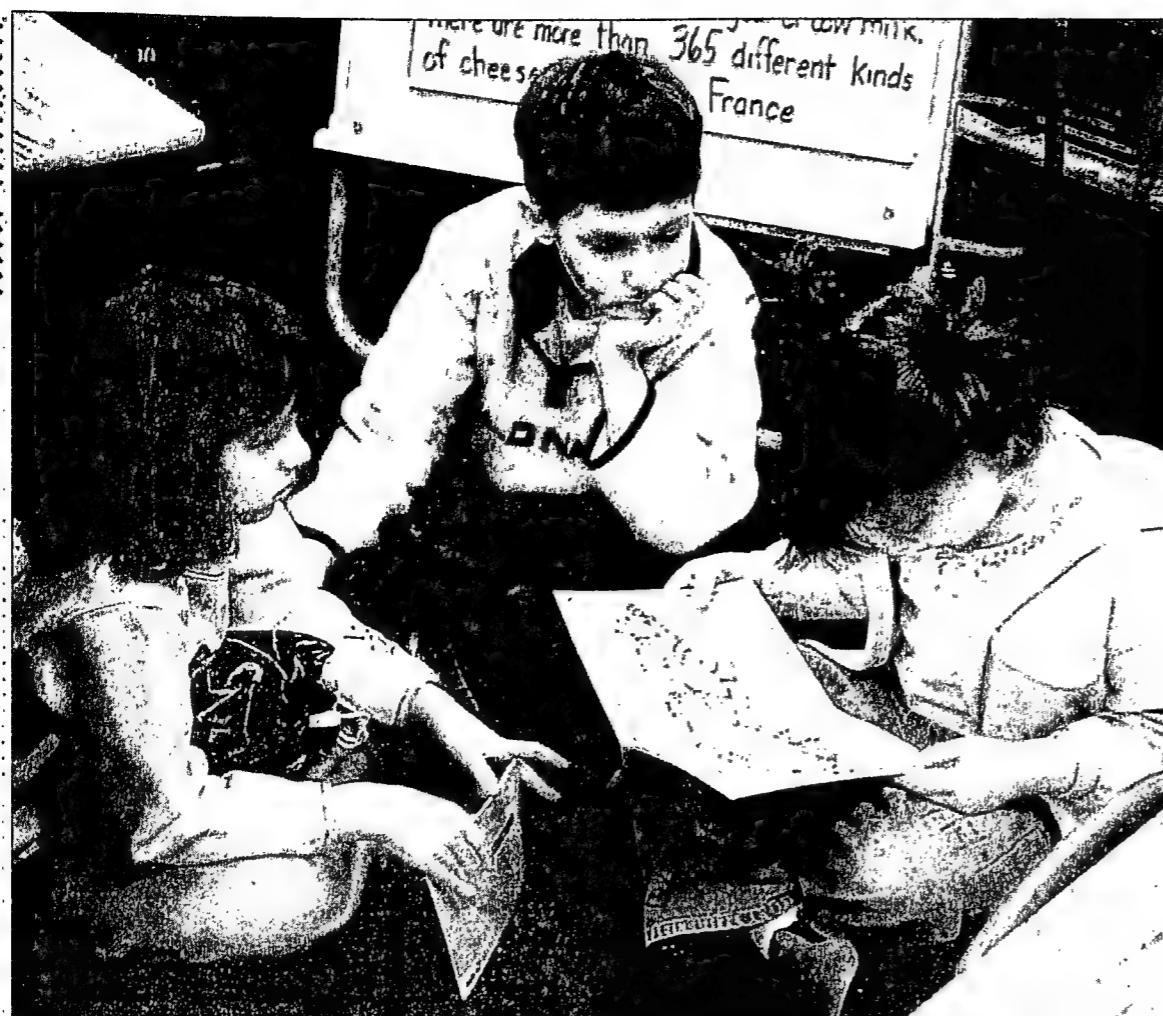
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BUDDIES IN BOOKS—Pupils from Jason Manjourides' third grade class and Karen DeCarolis' first grade team up every Wednesday morning as Reading Buddies. Here, Zachary Oja and Dakota Smith listen to a story read by Lakota Monzo.

Dean's list

AT HARTWICK

Hartwick College freshman, Caitlin E. Kennett, of Greenwood, daughter of Robert and Amy Chapman, has been named to the fall term dean's list at Hartwick College.

Inclusion on Hartwick's dean's list is an indication of excellent academic work, including the completion of a full course load with at least a 3.5 grade point average, based on a 4.0 scale.

Kennett is majoring in history.

At college

AT LYNDON STATE

Daniel Ferguson of Hanover was one of 35 students at Lyndon State College taking part in the college's new Honors Program who received certificates recognizing the extra commitment they have made to make the most of the opportunities Lyndon State offers.

Ferguson, the son of Harold and Heidi Ferguson, is majoring in design and graphic communications.

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Week of April 5

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Tuesday: Philly cheese steak sub, potato wedges. Special: bacon breakfast pizza.

Wednesday: American chop suey, hot veggies, garden salad, bread sticks. Special: hamburger calzone.

Thursday: Pepperoni muffin pizzas, french fries. Special: ham and cheese pizza.

Friday: Ham, egg and cheese roll-up, hash browns, homemade muffins. Special: veggie pizza.

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Wednesday: Beef-R-Roni, garden salad.

Thursday: French toast sticks w/syrup, sausage.

Friday: Pizzeria pizza, veggie sticks.

Choice of milk and fruit each meal.

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Tuesday: Sloppy joe/bun, green beans, pears, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast pizza, orange halves, milk.

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Friday: Shrimp poppers w/tartar sauce, potato puffs, fruit salad, milk.

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	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(3) King	"70s Show	WWE SmackDown!		News	Blind Date	5th Wheel					
(32) 7th Heaven	Movie: "Babes"			Whose?	Whose?	The 700 Club					
6 News	Seinfeld	Friends	Will-Grace	The Apprentice	ER	News					
8 Fortune	Jeopardy!	Makeover: Home	Kingdom Hospital	Peter Jennings Reporting	News						
10 News-Lehrer	Old House	Made in	Frontline		Charlie Rose						
(22) College Basketball: NIT Final - Teams TBA	College Basketball: Slam Dunk & Three-Point			SportsCenter							
(34) Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Stripperella	This Just In			
(13) Friends	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: All-Stars	CSI: Crime Scn	Without a Trace	Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show				
(41) Sports	NASCAR	Best Damn Sports Show Period	FOX One	Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show					
(15) Movie: "Mission: Impossible"		Movie: "The Silence of the Lambs"		Real Sex: Down & Dirty							
(17) Lizzie	Lizzie	So Raven	So Raven	Barbarian	Barbarian	Lilo & Stitch	Lilo & Stitch	Kim	Kim		
(18) Mortal Thls	MAX on Set	Movie: "Brown Sugar"		Movie: "Scooby-Doo"		Passion					
(20) Pregame	NHL Hockey: Washington Capitals at Boston Bruins		Overtime	SportsPlus	ESPNNews						
(44) Golden	Golden	Movie: "Against Their Will: Women in Prison"		Movie: "A Step Toward Tomorrow"							
(5) Seinfeld	Friends	Movie: "The Mummy"		Movie: "The Mummy"							
(24) Rugrats	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Grown Up	Full House	Full House	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne		
(25) "Barbarosa" Cont'd	Movie: "Coal Miner's Daughter"			"Love With the Proper Stranger"							
(26) JAG	Law & Order	Movie: "Happy Gilmore"			BlackShp						
(27) American Justice	Cold Case Files		With Malice		Third Watch						
(12) Will-Grace	Home Imp.	Movie: "Consenting Adults"		News	Becker	Becker					
(39) Anderson Cooper 360	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	NewsNight-Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight							

FRIDAY EVENING APRIL 2, 2004											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(3) MLB Preseason Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Atlanta Braves		News	Blind Date	5th Wheel							
(32) 7th Heaven	Movie: "The Great Outdoors"		Whose?	Whose?	The 700 Club						
6 News	Seinfeld	Dateline NBC		Law Order Cl	News						
8 Fortune	Jeopardy!	Lopez	Big House	Hope	Life-Bonnie	The D.A.	News				
10 News-Lehrer	Wash Wk	Maine	Keeping Up	Time Goes	Black Adder	Wall	Now With Bill Moyers				
(22) SportsCrt.	NBA	NBA Basketball: New York Knicks at New Jersey Nets		SportsCenter							
(34) Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	CSI: Crime Scn							
(13) Friends	Ent. Tonight	Joan of Arcadia	JAG	The District	News						
(41) Sports	NBA Basketball: Golden State Warriors at Boston Celtics		Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show						
(15) "The Majestic" Cont'd	Movie: "Formula 51"		Deadwood	On the Record							
(17) So Raven	Lizzie	Movie: "Inspector Gadget 2"	Recess	Barbarian	So Raven	Kim	Proud				
(18) "The Sweetest Thing"	Movie: "The Tuxedo"		Movie: "Biker Boyz"								
(20) MLB Preseason Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Atlanta Braves		ESPNNews	ESPNNews								
(44) Merge	Movie: "Volcano: Fire on the Mountain"		Movie: "A Father for Brittany"								
(5) Seinfeld	Friends	Movie: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"		Movie: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"							
(24) Rugrats	SpongeBob	Oddparents	SpongeBob	Oddparents	SpongeBob	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne		
(25) Movie: "Morituri" Cont'd	Movie: "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan"		Movie: "Puppet Master"								
(26) Law-Order	Movie: "Training Day"		Touching Evil		Law & Order						
(27) American Justice	Movie: "Captain Corelli's Mandolin"			Third Watch							
(12) Will-Grace	Home Imp.	Movie: "Love at Large"		News	Becker	Becker					
(39) Anderson Cooper 360	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	NewsNight-Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight							

SATURDAY EVENING APRIL 3, 2004											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(3) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Game Over	Game Over	One	Rock Me	News	Sanders	Walker, Texas Ranger			
(32) This Time Around	Movie: "Lucky 7"		Movie: "Picking Up and Dropping Off"								
6 Maine	Seinfeld	Movie: "The Thomas Crown Affair"		Law & Order	News	Sat. Night					
8 Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "The Emperor's New Groove"		Funniest Home Videos	News	Raceine					
10 Made in	What's for	Katrina Geographic	Nature	Nova	Red Green	Red Green					
(22) Figure Skating World Championships		Figure Skating	World Championships		SportsCenter						
(34) Bill & Ted's Adventure	Ride	Ride	Extreme	Extreme	WWE Velocity	WWE Confidential					
(35) College Basketball: NCAA Tournament	Cold Case	Cold Case	Cold Case	Cold Case	Cold Case	Cold Case	Cold Case	Cold Case	Cold Case	Cold Case	
(41) Cheerleading	Beyond the Glory	Beyond the Glory	Boxing	MLS Soccer	Revolution at Galaxy						
(15) Mr. Deeds Cont'd	Movie: "Identity"		The Sopranos	Movie: "Collateral Damage"							
(17) St. Raven	Lizzie	Lilo & Stitch	Lilo & Stitch	Lilo & Stitch	Lilo & Stitch	Lilo & Stitch	Lilo & Stitch	Lilo & Stitch	Lilo & Stitch	Lilo & Stitch	
(18) Two Weeks	Movie: "The Fugitive"		Movie: "Dreamcatcher"								
(20) NHL Hockey: New Jersey Devils at Boston Bruins	Cold Case	Up! The Wild Ride	Red Sox Nation	ESPNNews							
(44) Movie: "Cruel Doubt"			Intimate Portrait								
(5) Movie: "Life"		Movie: "Along Came a Spider"	Movie: "Along Came a Spider"								
(24) SpongeBob	SpongeBob	17th Annual Kids' Choice Awards	Danny	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne				
(25) 3 Stooges	3 Stooges	3 Stooges	3 Stooges	3 Stooges	3 Stooges	3 Stooges	3 Stooges	3 Stooges			
(26) Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Nashville Star	Law Order Cl							
(27) City Confidential	American Justice	Cold Case Files	Cold Case	Cold Case	Cold Case	Cold Case	Cold Case	Cold Case			
(12) Fresh Pr	Fresh Pr	Movie: "Diplomatic Siege"		News	Fresh Pr	Exception					
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HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

If you are a resident of Bethel and own your own home and did not fill out an application for a Homestead Exemption last year, the applications are available at the town office. The applications need to be returned no later than April 1, 2004.

ASSESSOR'S NOTICE

All resident and non-resident property owners are hereby notified to bring into the Assessors, on or before April 1, 2004, a true copy and perfect list of their estates, of which they possessed on April 1, 2004, and be prepared to take oath on same. Any person who neglects to comply with this notice is barred his rights to make an application to the Board of Assessors for any abatement of his tax unless he satisfies the Board of Assessors that he/she was unable to offer it at the appointed time.



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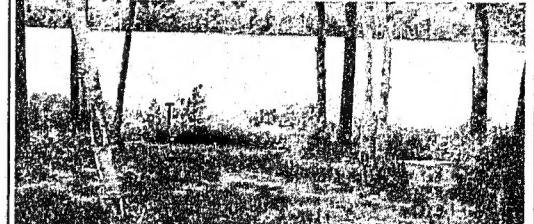
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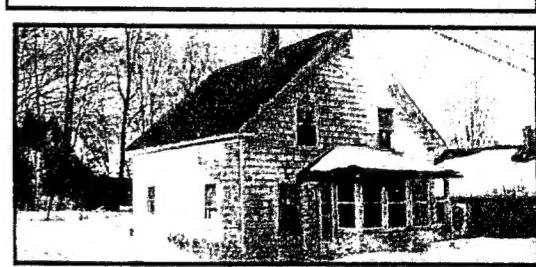


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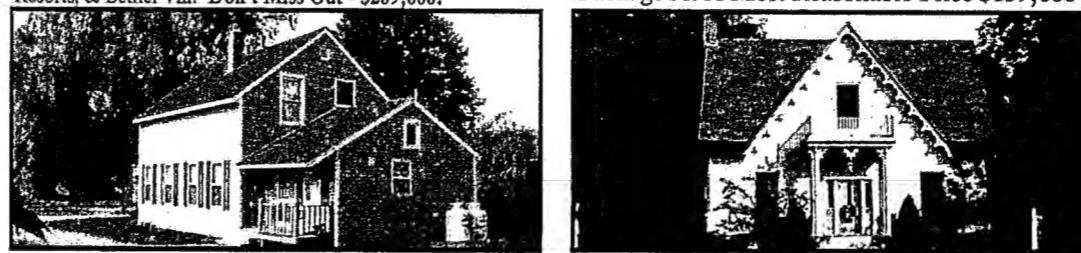
New Listing - Bethel: Approached By a Long Winding Drive, this exceptionally constructed Contemporary Home is enveloped with majestic mtn vistas. Situated ever so close to Sunday River Skiway, you will marvel at the bright, spacious interior glistening in westerly exposure. An abundance of specialty windows allow the beauty of the natural surroundings to be enjoyed within this incredible dwelling. Offering a custom natural cherry Kitchen with rich granite countertops, a massive Great Room with adj Sun Porch and separate deck area, exotic hardwood flooring, elegant raised panel cherry doors, 4 BRs inclusive of 2 Suites, 3 1/2 baths, Den, Office, FR, 2 Fireplaces, 2 Car Garage, Workshop... A Distinctive Offering @ \$625,000

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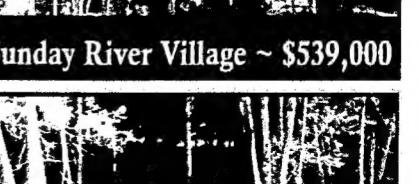
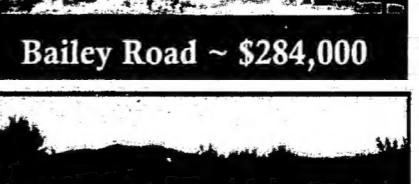
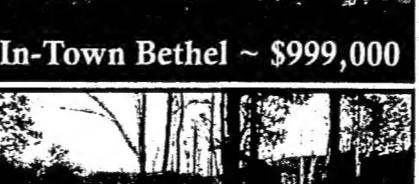
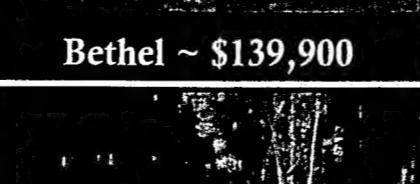
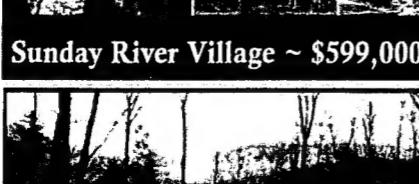
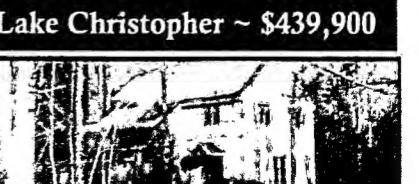
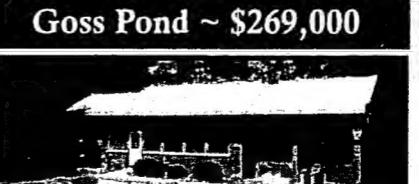
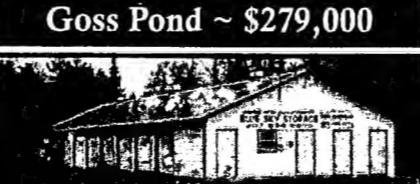
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Obituaries



ELBRIEDGE L. BUCK

Elbriedge Llewellyn Buck, 73, of Route 232, Milton Township, died at his residence March 26, 2004.

He was born in Milton on May 30, 1930, the son of Llewellyn A. and Ethel (Eastman) Buck and was educated in Milton and Rumford schools. He married Florence (York) Buck on Nov. 6, 1948.

He had been employed at the Oxford Paper Mill for 13 years and later started his own forestry business in Milton Township. He was an avid outdoorsman and sportsman and he greatly enjoyed his wife and family and the times they spent traveling and camping.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years of Milton Township; three sons, Llewellyn E. and his companion Connie Haas of Milton Township, Larry O. and his wife Sue of Rumford and Wayne F. and his wife Deana of Milton Township; two daughters, Susan B. Hooper and her husband Peter of Milton Township and Shirley Buck and Randy Keach of New Sharon; three sisters, Kathleen Barker of Mexico, Charlotte Rose of Byron and

Thelma McKenna of Milton Township; six grandchildren, Jennifer L. Buck of Poland, Allison M. Burnham, Jason P. Buck, Wayne F. Buck Jr., and Kristin L. Buck all of Milton Township and Marcie B. Smith of Auburn; and six great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by one brother, Floyd on Feb. 8, 2003; one sister, Esther Knapp on Oct. 3, 2003; and one grandson, Eric James Buck on March 26, 1981.

Funeral services were held at the Andrews Funeral Home, Woodstock, on Tuesday, March 30, with the Rev. Lloyd Waterhouse officiating. Burial will be in the Abbotts Mills Cemetery in the spring. Memorials in his memory may be made to the Tri Town Rescue, c/o Norman St. Pierre, P.O. Box 275, West Paris, ME 04289.

HILDA MARY BRAY

Hilda Mary Bray, 97, of West Paris, died March 27, 2004 after a long illness.

She was born in Paris on Sept. 5, 1906, the daughter of Mark and Kaisa (Holappa) Harta, and was educated in local schools and graduated from Paris High School in 1925. She had worked at local shoe shops for over 25 years retiring in 1973. She married William H. Bray on July 3, 1926; he died Feb. 23, 1976.

Hilda is survived by one nephew, Wayne Chapman and his wife Julie of Attleboro Falls, Mass.; one great niece, Jenifer Carline of Attleboro, Mass.; one great nephew, Michael Chapman of Worcester, Mass., and one great-great niece, Jill Carline of Attleboro, Mass.

Graveside funeral services

will be held at the Finnish Cemetery, West Paris, later in the spring.

ALMA B. MILLETT

Alma B. Millett, 93, of Waterford, died Sunday, March 28, 2004 at Market Square Health Care Center, South Paris.

Born in Waterford, Oct. 17, 1910, the daughter of Guy W. Sr. and Gladys Billings Bancroft, she graduated from Norway High School.

She had been a housewife all of her life. She married Lauris A. Millett on June 11, 1928, and he passed away on Feb. 23, 1992.

She enjoyed flowers and birds and especially her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and her great-great-grandchild. She was awarded the Boston Cane on Jan. 30, 2002.

Survivors include a daughter, Veda M. Taber of South Paris; three sons, Curtis A. Millett, David L. Millett and Gilbert W. Millett, all of Waterford; a sister, Agnes M. Lahti of Waterford; a brother, William O. Bancroft of Bethel; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one great great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two sisters, Phyllis Bancroft and Velma Thompson; a brother, Guy W. Bancroft Jr.; and a half-sister, Thelma Bancroft Merrill.

Graveside services will be held later in the spring at Elm Vale Cemetery in South Waterford. Remembrance

donations can be made to Stoneham Rescue, P.O. Box 42, Stoneham, ME 04231, or Waterford Library, P.O. Box 176, Waterford, ME 04088.

STUART A. CROSS SR.

Stuart A. Cross Sr. 82, of Bethel, died at the Maine Veteran's Home Wednesday March 31, 2004.

He was born in West Bethel on April 21, 1921 the son of Edward E. and Gladys May (Bennett) Cross. He was educated in local schools and served his country during WWII in the U.S. Army receiving a Purple Heart. After leaving the Army he returned to Bethel and worked as a logger for many years, built and operated the Mt. Abram Skiway and later started and operated Cross Excavation with his son. Stuart was a member of the American Legion and was an avid hunter.

He is survived by his wife Janice (Young) Cross of Bethel; two sons Jack Cross and his wife Sue and Stuart Cross Jr. all of Bethel; two brothers Donald Cross of Bethel and Alton Cross of Massachusetts; two sisters Norma Cross of West Paris and Mary Hester of Washington; and two grandchildren, Daniel Cross of Seattle, Wash., and Nicole Cross of South Vero Beach, Fla. He was predeceased by one brother, Norton Cross of Bethel. Graveside services will be held at the West Bethel Cemetery later in the spring.

Engagements



Angevine — Sanborn

Mr. and Mrs. George Angevine of Bethel are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Catherine, to Kurt Kristopher Sanborn of Bangor. Kurt is the son of George and Sheila Sanborn of Dedham and Sandra Sanborn of Glenburn.

Jill is a 1998 graduate of Telstar Regional High School and a 2002 graduate of Husson College. She is employed at Independent Medical Associates of Bangor.

Kurt is a 1998 graduate of Brewer High School. He is employed at Quirk Subaru in Bangor. A June 12, 2004 wedding is planned.

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